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The King's class

From Elvis to Jimi Hendrix, a BYU music class explores the history of rock 'n' roll.

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Party Time

A BYU ward enjoys their opening social at Vivian Park. Provo City Council voted Tuesday night to not sell portions of the park to commercial developers. See story on page 3.

Church settles abuse suit

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is paying $3 million to an Oregon man who claims the church covered up a pedophile who sexually abused him.

Despite the settlement that was completed on Friday, church attorney Von Keetch said the denomination's officials are not accepting any blame for the abuse. Keetch maintained that the payment was simply cheaper than taking the case to court and through the appeals process.

The plaintiff's attorney said the church is in denial.

The victim, Jeremiah Scott, 22, sued the Church of Jesus Christ in an Oregon court after a fellow ward member was convicted of repeatedly sexually abusing him in Portland when he was 11.

The suit claimed church officials knew Franklin Richard Curtis was a pedophile but did not warn Scott's mother before she took Curtis into their home. The case was scheduled to go to trial this fall.

> "It was a travesty of justice."
> — Von Keetch, church attorney

Curtis was 87 at the time of the abuse. He was arrested and convicted of first-degree sex abuse and given probation in 1994. He died in 1995.

On Tuesday the Church of Jesus Christ invited reporters to talk to their attorney about the settlement. The church's statement came one day before Scott's mother, Sandra Scott, was scheduled to have a press conference in front of the Salt Lake City Temple.

She will talk about what she says is "the Mormon church's attempts to harbor and hide pedophiles within its own church hierarchy," a news release said. Keetch said he was unaware of the news conference.

In addition to financial considerations of continuing the case, the church decided to settle the case because of several bad rulings by a Portland judge, Keetch said.

"It was a travesty of justice," he said.

Scott's attorney, Jeff Anderson, said: "They seem to be blaming the judicial system, the judge, our client, our client's mother — in other words everyone except themselves.

"As long as they continue to deny responsibility they will not change their ways and as long as they do not change their ways they will continue to pay settlements," the attorney said.

The settlement came before the judge had ruled on whether the church had to open its financial records in the case.

Orem City Council defends police officers

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Orem city officials are standing by their men.

On Tuesday night, the City Council, headed by Mayor Jerry Washburn, indemnified two city police officers being charged in a brutality suit.

Councilwoman Karen McCandless moved to defend the officers in court, and councilman Joseph Anderson seconded the motion.

In all, it took less than 30 seconds for the Council to come to its decision.

The two Orem police officers, Bill Crook and Kevin Arledge, are being sued by Jonathan Hatch, a man arrested by police nearly two years ago.

Hatch said the officers severely beat him while he was being transferred to Utah County Jail in December 1999.

Orem city attorney Paul Johnson said the indemnification is a mere technicality, a move meaning the city will defend the officers in court.

The real fight will begin when both sides begin hearing depositions at an unscheduled date.

Johnson said the officers were correct in everything they did.

The officers were transferring Hatch to the county jail when he started spitting blood at the patrol car, Johnson said.

When he threatened to spit blood on the officers themselves, the officers took Hatch down to the ground, Johnson said.

Hatch showed up at the county jail with a broken jaw. Johnson said Hatch's jaw was already broken, caused by a fight he'd started at a local 7-Eleven store the night before.

Hatch was being held in Orem city jail on hit-and-run charges and on charges for his alleged role in the convenience-store brawl.

"We're convinced our officers weren't doing anything wrong," said Johnson.

Equally convinced are the Orem Department of Public Safety, Legal Services Department and the city's insurer.

But Hatch's attorney, Andrew McCullough, said it's a "knee-jerk reaction" for the city to file a general denial.

"This is a case of an officer going berserk and beating my client senseless," McCullough said.

McCullough said his client may have been "giving them lip," but that was no excuse for what his client said the officers did to him.

McCullough has a history of fighting police-brutality cases. He said he doesn't see any kind of increase regarding police brutality in the Provo-Orem area.

McCullough said cases like this are more often than not settled out of court.

He has been involved in a similar case in Provo that just reached settlement.

McCullough said he plans to "put the city of Orem in a box they can't get out of."

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Let it snow

From left, Susannah Jones, Terence Stephens and Jessica Smith pass out snowcones Tuesday as part of BYUSA's Welcome Week.

Y makes headlines for piety

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Most observers recognize BYU's squeaky-clean characteristics and the quirky idiosyncrasies of Happy Valley's college scene.

Now, The Princeton Review has taken notice.

In a survey recently conducted among thousands of college students, the standardized-test guru unveiled what it found to be the "inside word" among the top 331 colleges.

BYU came out on top in various categories. No, high marks were not earned in the areas of beer, liquor and parties. Instead, BYU placed No. 1 on the list of "stone cold sober schools" and "students who don't inhale."

The school was rated No. 2 for students who pray on a regular basis.

While BYU didn't make the charts as a top party school, students say the conclusions of the survey not only compliment the surrounding culture — they also say something about the students who attend BYU.

"Who needs drugs and alcohol when you have Mormons," one student told The Princeton Review.

While 99 percent of BYU's student body belongs to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, students of other faiths have welcomed the religious atmosphere.

"I had heard these people were different," said Immanuel Munoc, a junior, from Mexico City, majoring in broadcast journalism.

"All I knew is they were Christians. But once you're here, it all makes sense. I really like the work ethic, the importance of family values and the unity that is here."

A student who spoke with The Princeton Review did not share such fond feelings of acceptance.

"You can't go anywhere without having someone hold a door open for you. It drives me crazy," the student said.

In The Princeton Review's survey, other students described BYU students as sheltered, close-minded and nonconforming.

But however sheltered BYU may or may not be, Rachel Willis, a junior from Belleville, Ill., majoring in English teaching, said she appreciates the refuge she receives as a student.

"I love being here. We are in a bubble, but it's a good bubble. I enjoy retreating from the bad things of the world," she said.

BYU's Honor Code is another unique aspect of the university. The Honor Code helps students practice good habits in their daily lives.

"I think students come here because they are attracted to the environment and atmosphere that is created by people who are striving to live good lives," said Steve Baker, director of the Honor Code office.

Baker said it makes sense that students are concerned with developing good habits: "Most of us, when we know what brings a good and happy life, are anxious to adhere to those principles."

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Ford Expedition faces possible recall

WASHINGTON — The government is investigating a possible defect in the Ford Expedition's suspension system, the same problem that led to a recall of the Ford Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer last winter.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received 14 complaints of failure of the front stabilizer bar links in 1997 and 1998 Expeditions. The agency estimates about 437,000 of the vehicles are on the road.

The stabilizer bar connects the left and right front wheel control arms and helps control the pitch of the vehicle in turns.

Ford recalled 876,413 Explorers and Mercury Mountaineers in December to replace the stabilizer bar links.

Ford spokesman Mike Vaughn said the company is cooperating with NHTSA's investigation into the Expedition, but it is too early to speculate on the outcome.

NHTSA opens any investigation with a preliminary evaluation, in which the automaker and the agency exchange paperwork. That is the stage of the Expedition investigation, which was opened in July and was divulged in the monthly investigation report that NHTSA released Tuesday.

The agency can upgrade the investigation into an engineering analysis, where parts are examined for defects. Investigations can lead to a recall, but many are dropped.

Murder charges set at 7 in stabbing deaths

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Ukrainian immigrant arrested in the stabbing deaths of his pregnant wife and five other relatives will be charged with seven counts of murder, including one for his unborn child, prosecutors said Tuesday.

District Attorney Jan Scully said Tuesday she has not decided whether to seek the death penalty against Nikolay Soltys.

Soltys, 27, told police the victims had been "poisoning" him — perhaps meaning they were ruining his reputation, authorities said.

The district attorney said she could file charges in the murder of a fetus as long as the fetus was at least 7 to 8 weeks old. Soltys' wife was three months pregnant.

Scully said she will try to keep the trial in Sacramento despite the heavy publicity surrounding the crime and Soltys' capture after 10 days on the run.

Authorities say the killings began the morning of Aug. 20, when Soltys slashed the throat of his 23-year-old wife, Lyubov, at their home in suburban North Highlands. Police say he then drove to the home of his aunt and uncle and killed them along with their two 9-year-old grandchildren.

The following day, notes left in Soltys' abandoned car led police to a trash pile where they found the body of his 3-year-old son in a cardboard box.

Signs of economic slowdown arrive

DENVER — Drops in employment, exports and new orders are among the first signs of weakness in the regional economy since the start of the national slowdown, according to a business survey released Tuesday.

The overall index in August was 46, down from July's 57, according to the Mountain States Business Conditions survey of purchasing managers and business leaders in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

The overall index ranges between 0 and 100. An index greater than 50 indicates economic conditions favor growth in the months ahead.

"Further reflecting the sudden economic weakness was a downturn in the region's prices-paid index of 52.3, down from 62.9 in July," said Ernie Goss, the report's author and an economics professor at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

That was the lowest reading for the index since December 1998. The figure refers to prices of raw materials and supplies bought by companies.

Colorado's overall index was 36.6, down from 52.2 in July; Utah's was 46.9, down from 51.4 in July; and Wyoming's was 58.4, down from 72.5 in July.

Weather

Yesterday		Today	Thursday
High	95 as of		
Low	59 5 p.m.		
Precipitation			
Yesterday	0.0"		
Month to date	0.0"		
Year to date	6.43"		
		Sunny	Sunny
		High 75	High 71
		Low 44	Low 43

sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"And now, O my son Helaman, behold, thou art in thy youth, and therefore, I beseech of thee that thou wilt hear my words and learn of me; for I do know that whosoever shall put their trust in God shall be supported in their trials, and their troubles, and their afflictions, and shall be lifted up at the last day."

— Alma 36:3

Shay Wilcox, a freshman from Grantsville, Utah, likes this scripture because "it gives me strength to press on."

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Peace pact to slowly mend Macedo

Associated Press

SKOPJE, Macedonia – Parliament wrestled with a crucial vote on Macedonia's peace process Tuesday, with many lawmakers criticizing the pact but conceding that intense international pressure left little room for defiance.

But as the debate dragged on, a series of legislators came down clearly against the accord. The assembly was scheduled to reconvene Wednesday.

Despite that opposition, the peace plan is expected to get parliament's endorsement, clearing the way for NATO to resume collecting rebel weapons. It would also push parliament to the next – and much more difficult – phase of debating specific constitutional changes.

Under the pact, forged with American and European mediators, ethnic Albanians who make up about a third of the nation's 2 million people would receive greater political and language rights.

Many lawmakers echo the cries of Macedonian street protesters who say the accord rewards violence by promising political change as a trade-off for the end of fighting by ethnic Albanian rebels, yet fails to completely cripple the rebel National Liberation Army.

> **"Let us have no illusions: we need courage and wisdom ... we face a huge responsibility before our country, our descendants."**
>
> — Radmila Secerinska, moderate Social Democratic Union

"Let us have no doubt, this peace agreement is a form of capitulation," said Sveto Karadzovski, a lawmaker with VMRO, the leading Macedonian party. "There are no guarantees it will bring peace, and there can't be any peace when a deal like this is made under pressure."

Still, the VMRO leadership promised to back the accord with all its 47 votes in the 120-seat parliament and told Western envoys that defectors could face party expulsion.

VMRO backing — combined with support from the 24 ethnic Albanian leg... key to reaching the two-thirds ma... to move along the peace process...

The party leader, Prime Min... Georgievski, signed the pact but ... too sweeping. Despite criticizin... he told parliament later Monday ... ity in the eye" and back the plan... save the country's slumping econ...

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"Let us have no illusions: we ... and wisdom ... we face a huge ... before our country, our descen... Radmila Secerinska of the mo... Democratic Union.

Mexico's president to present possible immigration solution

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY – President Vicente Fox will be playing his favorite role as Mexico's salesman in chief a visit to Washington, hoping to sell the U.S. Congress on the first "integrated" approach to the immigration problem.

But Fox, who arrives in the U.S. capital Tuesday evening, is not just trying to wow the United States with his vision of a more modern, more assertive, more open Mexico. In his first six months in office he visited 26 countries with the same message, earning himself the nickname "the frequent flyer president."

Whether the former Coca-Cola executive is trolling Asia for new investment, pursuing more work visas for Mexicans or the loftier aim of obtaining a rotating seat for his nation on the U.N. Security Council, Fox wants all the world to know that Mexico is ready to take its place on the global stage.

"Mexico's image in the world has changed," said Foreign Affairs Secretary Jorge Castaneda, the conservative intellectual Fox picked to lead the nation into the embrace of the United States.

"The country has an image of democracy, openness and honesty," he said, referring to Fox's victory over the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which ruled Mexico for 71 years.

Fox may face an uphill battle when he pitches his immigration package to a joint session of the U.S. Congress this week. He's calling for more U.S. work visas, an amnesty for illegal immigrants and U.S. aid to impoverished Mexican regions, but U.S. lawmakers are uncertain whether those measures would stem the flow of migration or turn it into a flood.

Fox's administration has suggested it may take months, and perhaps several years, to achieve such a broad migration package.

Fox needs a better deal for Mexican migrants to show his own restive, opposition-dominated congress that he's making some progress for his people — in the face of a U.S.-inspired economic downturn that has cost hundreds of thousands of jobs here.

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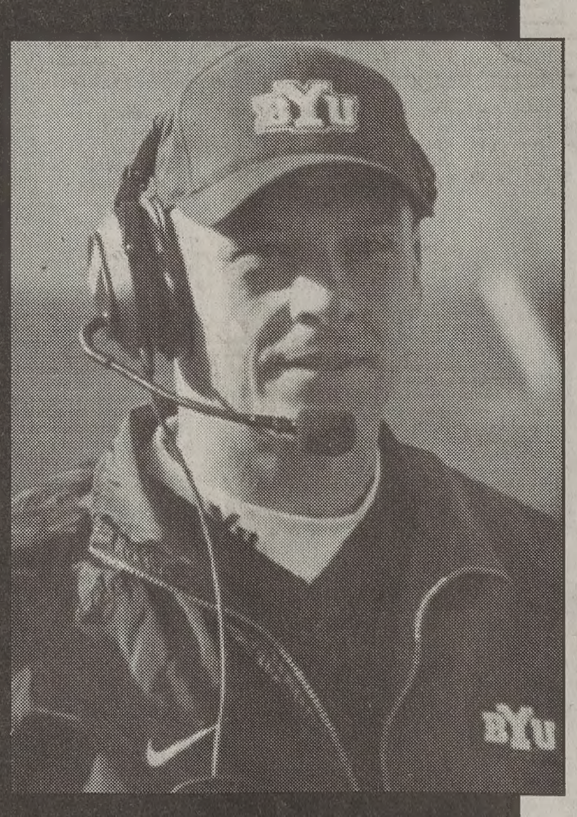
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elopment of the airport has come to a standstill. There has been an ongoing argument between the council and the mayor on who should be in charge of the money," McCord said.

A recent audit of the city's budget found a discrepancy in the amount of money the administration is spending on the expansion of the airport.

The council requires city administrators to notify it of any so-called "Capital Improvement Projects" at the airport totaling more than $30,000.

City officials spent approximately $500,000 for airport construction.

The funds being used, however, came from private donations and other department budgets, and did not fall within the $30,000 spending cap.

The council felt it was kept in the dark and not provided information concerning the amount of money being spent on the airport by the administration.

City council member Greg Hudnall is hoping city officials and council members can come to an agreement.

"There appears to be a lack of trust on both sides," said council member Greg Hudnall.

The sale of surplus land in Vivian Park produced $69,000 for the city, and that money was used for airport construction.

Crews battle blaze near national park

Associated Press

WEST GLACIER, Mont. — Firefighters who were forced to the sidelines by dangerous winds returned Tuesday to battle the nation's largest wildfire, burning on 58,500 acres in and near Glacier National Park, hoping to make up for ground lost a day earlier.

"It's a good day to fight fires," Wayne Johnson, a fire information officer, said Tuesday as more than 1,000 firefighters were ordered to resume their efforts to corral the fire. "After what we've been dealing with, Mother Nature seems to be giving us a break today."

Fire bosses on Labor Day grounded their air attack on the Moose fire and ordered all crews off the firelines as heavy winds fanned flames and fears of a massive blowup.

But those winds had calmed by Tuesday morning, and authorities made the decision to send crews back in.

"Hopefully we'll make some progress. Keep the faith," Bob McKinney, a fire information officer, said Tuesday as plumes of heavy brown smoke rose from the park.

Incident commander Larry Humphrey said that while lower winds were a blessing, it would take much more help from nature to extinguish the blaze.

> "Hopefully we'll make some progress. Keep the faith."
>
> — Bob McKinney, fire information officer

Crews have thrown "all the resources ... we could logically use" at the Glacier fire, he said, adding: "Rain or snow is what's going to put this fire out." Temperatures in the 60s with a 50 percent chance of rain are forecast for Wednesday and Thursday.

About a dozen people in a wooded area west of the park were evacuated to Polebridge, about five miles north, late Monday afternoon as a precaution when winds pushed flames closer to the homes, barns and a small store.

Park officials say the fire has not put a crimp in park visits. It may even have attracted some tourists, said David Eaker, a park spokesman. While specific numbers weren't available, Eaker said visits to the park over the Labor Day weekend were strong.

"How much of that you can attribute to the fires is hard to say," he said. "But I think it played quite a big role."

"People should view this as an opportunity to view a major natural event," he added.

Park Superintendent Suzanne Lewis said there were no immediate plans to close the popular Going-to-the-Sun Road through the park. Lodges and other attractions within the park also remained open.

The lightning-caused fire began Aug. 14 near Whitefish. It had stayed outside the park until Friday, when it doubled and made a run across the park's western border. As of Tuesday, officials said about 14,000 acres within the 1 million-acre park had burned.

Several dozen buildings, including private homes, park buildings, barns and outbuildings, were threatened, officials said. Most are along the western and northern edges of Lake McDonald.

Elsewhere in the state, two fires that began Monday afternoon in the Little Belt Mountains of central Montana had burned more than 2,300 acres by Tuesday afternoon.

Hunters and campers in the area were evacuated, air tankers and helicopters were dropping retardant and a specialized management team was called in.

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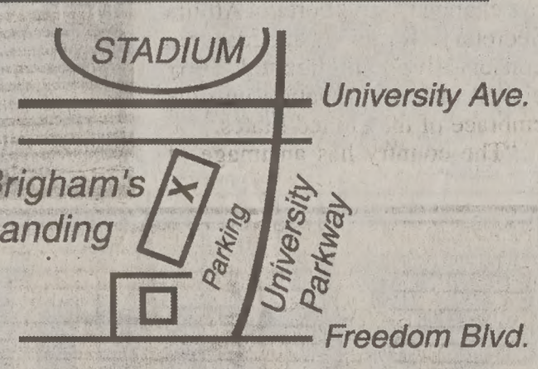

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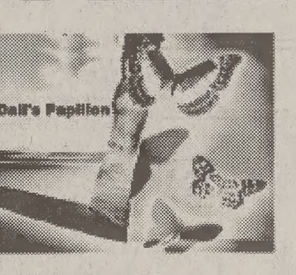

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Migration policy eludes United States and Mexico

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, playing down the failure to reach a U.S.-Mexican immigration agreement, said Tuesday that the state visit of Mexican President Vicente Fox is "a great beginning for a relationship that will continue to evolve over time."

Bush will greet Fox on Wednesday with a White House honors ceremony and the first state dinner of his presidency.

Bush said their meetings will provide a better understanding of Mexico, the possibility of a change of the annual U.S. evaluation of Mexico's performance on fighting drugs, better cooperation on law enforcement and a commitment from Fox to extradite U.S. fugitives. Also, he said, Fox's visit will help sell Congress on many issues, including the importance of immigrant workers to the national economy.

"The Mexican people ought to be pleased with President Fox and his relationship with the United States," Bush said in an interview with The Associated Press and other media.

Earlier Tuesday, Secretary of State Colin Powell hailed what he called "enormous progress" between the United States and Mexico on migration issues and said the two sides are ready to move from principles to specifics.

Powell, accompanied by Mexican Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda, spoke after officials of the two countries spent five hours at the State Department talking about a range of issues.

"We've got to do it right, not fast," Powell said, stressing the complexity of the migration issue.

Castaneda agreed with that sentiment, saying it was very ambitious to assume the two countries could reach agreement in four to six years on issues that have defied resolution for more than a century.

Fox said Monday he expects it will take four to six years to reach a comprehensive immigration reform agreement.

> "This is a complex issue. It's going to take a while to bring all the different interests together."
> — President Bush

The comments of Fox and Castaneda suggest a realization by Mexico that political constraints in the United States make early agreement impossible.

During Tuesday's discussions, Powell said progress was also made on cross-border cooperation on food safety, border safety, housing and law enforcement.

Bush told reporters earlier in the day he was not disappointed that the United States and Mexico were unable to solve the migration problem in time for his meeting with Fox.

"This is a complex issue. It's going to take a while to bring all the different interests together," Bush said during an Oval Office photo opportunity with Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott.

The food safety agreement alluded to by Powell involves the sharing of information on the production of meat and produce and coordinating investigations of food poisonings.

"This agreement marks a very important new era in the food safety efforts of both our countries," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

Earlier Tuesday, the U.S.-Mexico Binational Council issued a report saying social and economic equality between the two governments should be a principal policy objective.

"The greatest challenge facing Mexico is the need to fight poverty, and the United States has a stake in boosting Mexican social development, given that many of the problems plaguing bilateral relations have their origin in the gap between living standards in the two countries," the report said.

The 45-page report is not a consensus document, so agreement was not unanimous on all recommendations.

The report said many members advocated a significant commitment from the United States and Canada to provide financial resources to help Mexico reduce poverty and improve its environment and infrastructure.

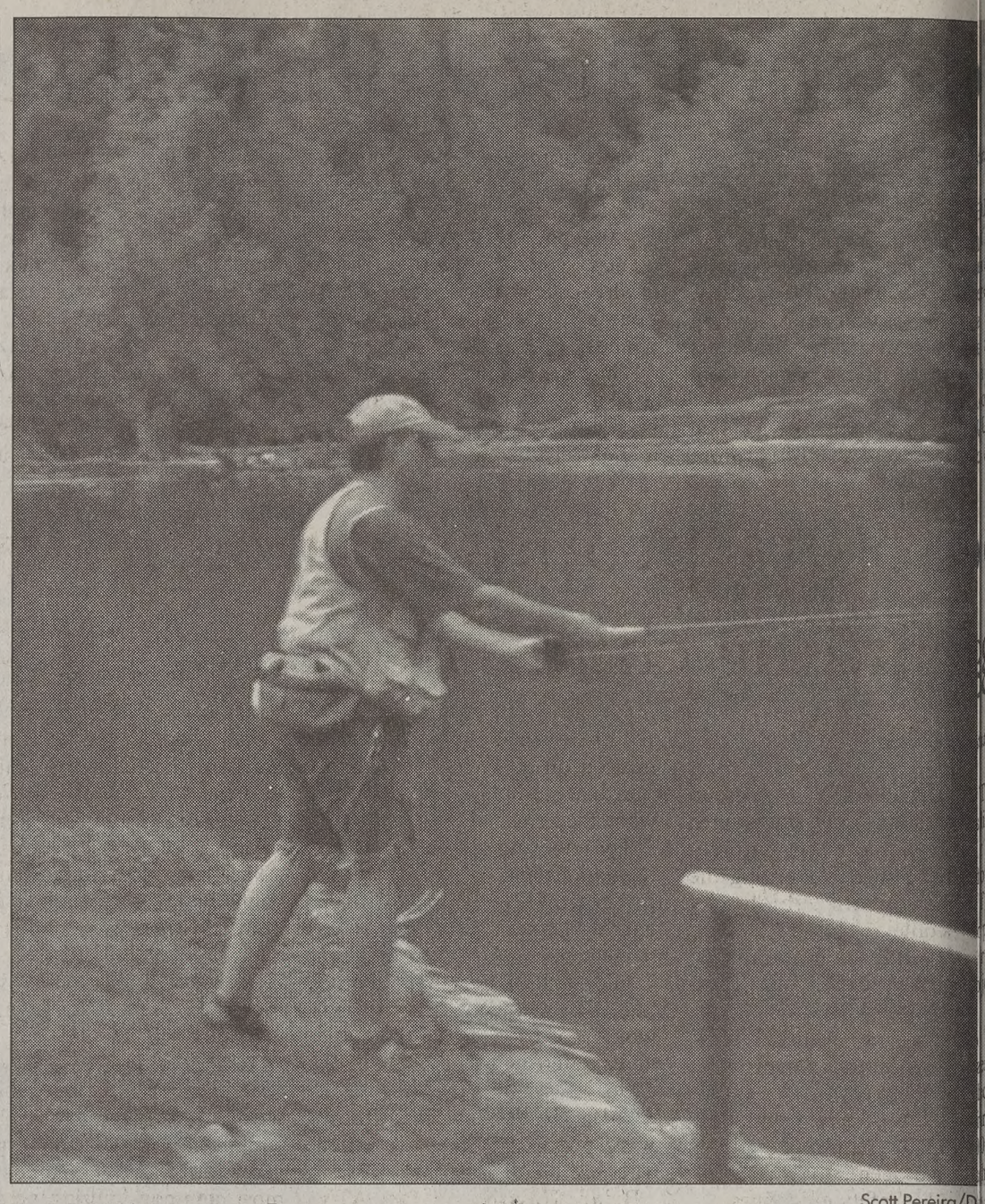
Fox has been an advocate of such assistance. He is hoping for free labor movement within 25 to 35 years, but many in Congress and elsewhere see that objective as unrealistic, given the huge income gap.

The report said "the two governments must do everything possible to reduce those disparities and to revisit the issue of open borders as soon as the wage levels between workers in the two countries narrow."

Council members were unable to agree on whether amnesty should be granted to Mexicans residing illegally in the United States.

Opponents argued that amnesty would tend to perpetuate future flows of illegal migrants and is inherently unfair to those seeking entry by legal means, the report said.

Those supporting amnesty said it would mean immediate access to minimum wage and other labor rights for previously unprotected people.



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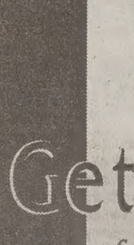
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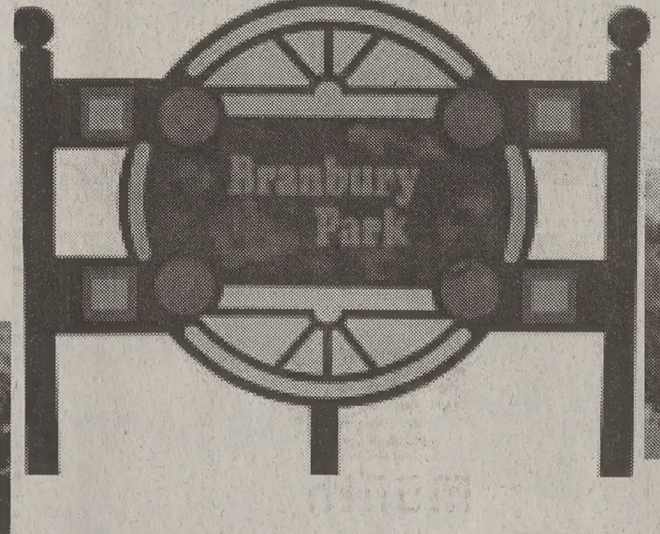

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Border Patrol officers seize greater drug quantities

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Harvest season growers started last month has meant larger drug s for federal agencies, ay they also are getting finding big shipments in vehicles coming from

U.S. Customs Service said onfiscated 28,000 more pounds of the drug in Arizona so far this fiscal year than it did in all of last year, when it seized 174,000 pounds.

The U.S. Border Patrol in Yuma is already close to reaching last year's total of nearly 13,000 pounds.

While the Border Patrol's office in Tucson reported a slight decrease from this point last year, a spokesman said it could finish ahead of last year if seizures remain high in September. Last year, it seized 240,000 pounds.

"This is the point in the year where things start to pick up," said Rob Daniels, spokesman for the Border Patrol in Tucson.

Among the August seizures were a ton near the Coronado National Monument, nearly a ton on the Tohono O'odham Reservation, another 1,800 pounds in Ajo and more than two tons found in one day by Customs inspectors at the San Luis port of entry.

The Border Patrol's Tucson office confiscated 5,000 pounds of pot in one week.

Vincent Iglio, associate special agent in charge for the Arizona district of the Customs Service, said traffickers may be trying to move bigger loads to reduce the costs in hiring more smugglers.

Dealing with fewer drug runners carries other benefits for a trafficker, Iglio said.

"The more people he deals with, the more chances he has of getting caught," Iglio said.

Moving large loads means traffickers must hide their drugs deeper inside vehicles and cargo, Iglio said.

But more government funding has helped authorities find the hidden loads. The money has been used to hire more people to monitor the border and get better detection equipment, Iglio said.

Another factor contributing to huge loads could be that traffickers may not have dry storage space for the drug throughout the year, so they may try to move it all quickly, said Alfredo Casillas, spokesman for the U.S. Border Patrol's Yuma sector.

Doctors propose stricter laws regarding children's use of ATVs

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A group pediatricians said states need laws and better enforcement of the rules governing the all-terrain vehicles by people.

findings were published Journal Pediatrics on Tues-

doctors studied ATV children in Utah have They found that dozens fees, four deaths and close 0,000 in hospital bills have been avoided by following ATV safety guidelines.

All-terrain vehicle popularity during the past 20 years, have adopted a mishmash governing their use.

addition, the U.S. Consumer Safety Commission an agreement with ATV manufacturers to get rid of three-wheeled ATVs, to train people in and to keep machines with engines away from small-

State laws often aren't act as the agreement the federal agency and manufacturers. For example, agreement specifies that no under 12 should drive an but Utah law allows those on an 8 to run the machines. officers frequently ignore even lenient state laws.

Utah, it added up to 788 related emergency room and hospitalizations in the last year of the study. those injured, 34 percent younger than 16. Out of the 15 children younger than 8 injured on ATVs in 1996, one-fourth were behind the controls when they crashed.

"By adhering to existing state regulations and recommendations governing ATVs, 61 children would not have been injured as passengers on ATVs, 15 children would not have been injured driving ATVs and four children would not have died," the study notes, referring to the years 1992-1996.

Calls to the study's authors were not immediately returned Tuesday.

Brian Hawthorne, an ATV enthusiast with the Utah Shared Access Alliance, summed up the study's findings this way: "Stupid hurts." But he said safety issues often are used by ATV opponents to give riders a black eye.

"The laws are adequate. The problem is there needs to be more of a user ethic," Hawthorne said, adding that he favors safety training and says the state course required for those ages 8-16 is a good one.

More laws may not be the answer, a state ATV official says.

"We have a difficult enough time enforcing the laws we have," said Bill Thompson, off-highway vehicle coordinator for the state. "There's still quite a few younger folks who don't take the safety training."

When state agents step up law enforcement in a given area, kids usually start taking the classes, he said. Adults should have the training too, Thompson said, although nothing requires them to do so now.

Utah is one of the few states in the West that allows 8-year-olds to drive ATVs. Most follow the 12-year-old recommendation, he said.

The Pediatrics study claims to be the first to examine both emergency room visits where the patients were treated and released, as well as cases where the patient required a longer hospital stay.

During the five-year study period, 130 people younger than 16 were hospitalized and 1,340 sought care in Utah emergency rooms after ATV mishaps. The most common injuries were broken bones, cuts and scrapes.

"We estimate that children are at significantly increased risk of injury when operating or riding on ATVs," the study's authors wrote.

The pediatricians conclude by saying they will lobby legislators for stricter laws for young people using ATVs. The study also advocates an investigation into how well existing safety training works.

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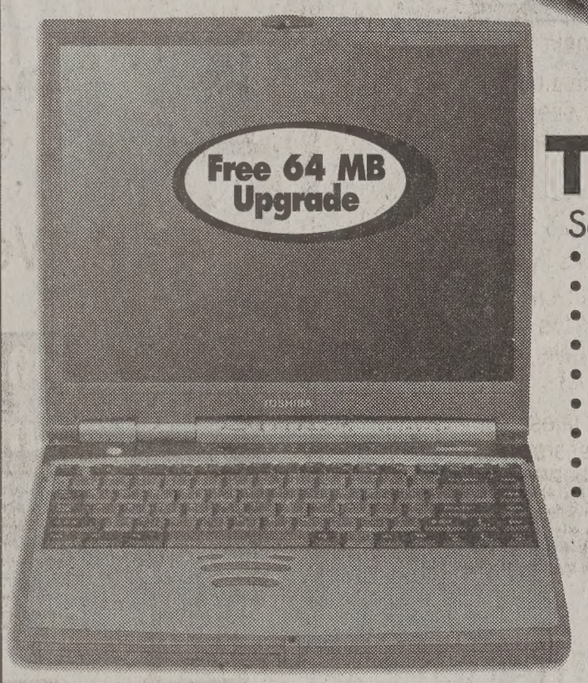

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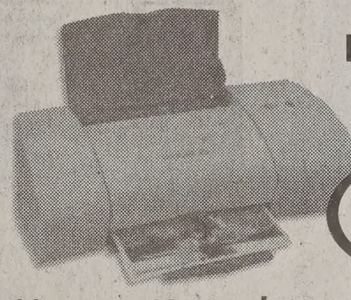

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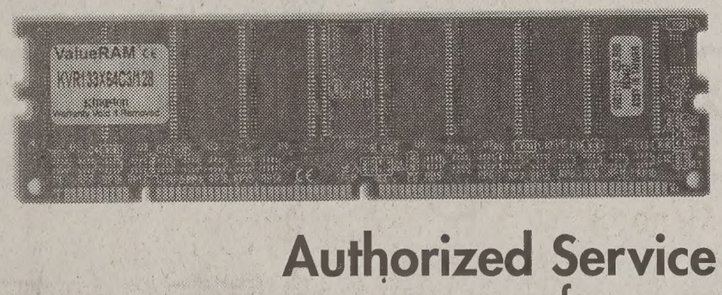

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BYUSA Live At The Terrace
Noon to 1 p.m. in the WSC Terrace

International Folk Dance Tryouts
East Ballroom WSC, 6-11 p.m.

Thursday

Women's Volleyball
BYU vs. Colorado, 7 p.m. in the SFH

BYU Air Force ROTC Blood Drive
10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the SFLC Stepdown Lounge

GMAT Preparation Course
For information, call 378-3550

Friday

Welcome Back Dance
East Ballroom WSC, 8-11:30 p.m.

BYUSA Live At The Terrace
Noon to 1 p.m. in the WSC Terrace

Women's Volleyball
BYU vs. Southwest Missouri State, 7 p.m. in the SFH

BYU Air Force ROTC Open House
For all interested in the ROTC program; 11 a.m. at the Wells ROTC Building

Saturday

Football Game
BYU at California, 3:30 p.m. at Berkeley, Calif. Tickets ($5 for advanced tickets, $7 at the door) are available to watch the game live via closed-circuit television in the Marriott Center. Tape-delay showing on KSL-TV at 10:30 p.m. For information, call 378-BYU1.

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Sunday

CES Fireside
President Gordon B. Hinckley will be speaking. Broadcast will begin at 6 p.m. in the Marriott Center.

Tuesday

Devotional
11 a.m. in the Marriott Center; President and Sis. Bateman will be speaking.

PALS
Opening social in 3211 WSC from 5-8 p.m. Call Women's Services and Resources for more information.

BYUSA Involvement Week
Service project from 7-10 p.m. in the WSC Terrace.

Y students research botanical medicatio

By Marc Stevens
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Common antibiotics have helped doctors control numerous infectious diseases. But some illnesses are constantly changing and developing resistance, making the research and discovery of new-and-improved medicines critical.

BYU's Natural Products Research Group is involved in just such research. The group studies natural plant materials and their use as medicinal products.

Much of the group's research focuses on traditional medicinal knowledge acquired by indigenous peoples.

Botany professor Rex Cates said BYU researchers are working to adapt existing drugs and discover new drugs that are effective against ever-changing human diseases.

"All these infectious diseases, for various reasons, are becoming resistant to our treatments. So we need to look for additional treatments," Cates said. "Now we're finally realizing that we can turn to medicinal activities of plants."

Throughout history, indigenous peoples have used plants as medicines, Cates said. Today, nearly 75 percent of the world's population relies largely on botanical products, he said.

"This is not anything new," Cates said. "It's just that we need to do a better job of testing them and putting some science behind it."

Cates said the group's work is a validation of what indigenous peoples have used throughout their histories.

The group is comprised of faculty and research personnel from the Colleges of Biology and Agriculture, Physical and Mathematical Sciences, and Family, Home and Social Sciences.

More than 10 years ago, several faculty members from the College of Biology and Agriculture, including Cates, decided to coordinate their efforts and test various plant materials. In the mid-1990s, the Natural Products Research Group was born.

Nearly 60 undergraduate and graduate students assist the group. The students are encouraged to enroll in suggested courses that will help them pursue careers in several biological disciplines, including ethnobotany, microbiology and biochemistry.

Cates said the group's main goal is to improve quality of life, while focusing on the education and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students.

"It's a great learning opportunity," said Melissa Blamires, a graduate student in biological science education. She said she will be able to use the research she has done in her student teaching this fall.

Blamires also said her work is rewarding because it could lead to other testing and research. "It could turn out to be something exciting," she said.

With the students, faculty members from various departments on campus are participating in the work being done by the Natural Products Research Group.

"We are presently doing some research with natural products extracted from molds and bacteria and a variety of other living sources, which are active against malaria," said James Jensen, professor of microbiology.

Jensen estimated that 80 to 90 percent of all useful medicines are derived from natural products.

Penicillin is derived from mold, the malaria treatment quinine comes from the bark of a South American tree, and aspirin is found in willow tree bark, he said.

Jensen said medicines can sometimes be synthesized better than nature can produce them. These synthesized drugs are often cheaper and less toxic.

Anti-microbial agents like penicillin can be improved through chemical modifications, Jensen said. Natural penicillin is modified into other drugs like ampicillin and amoxicillin.

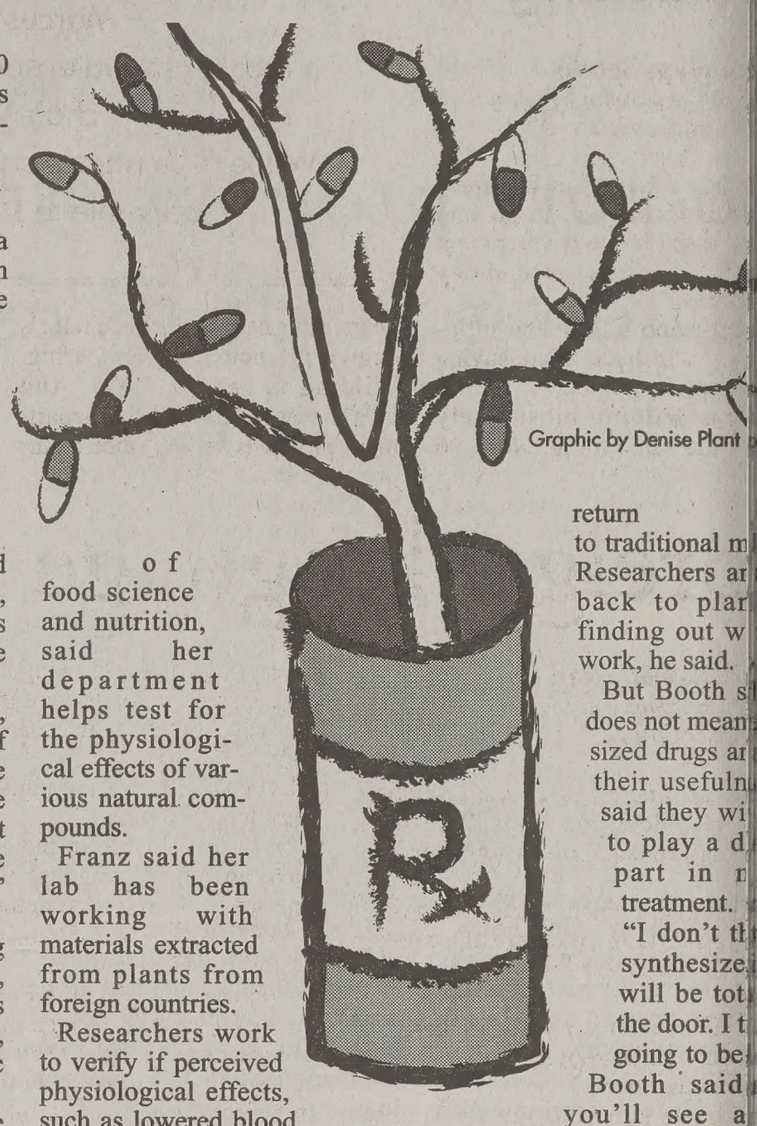
"By modifying them slightly, we can increase the spectrum of the type of bacteria killed by the penicillin, increase the shelf life and also make them acid-resistant so they can pass through the stomach in the form of a pill," Jensen said.

Jensen said with increasing variations and strains of diseases, anti-microbial resistance is becoming a serious problem, making this type of scientific research critical.

"It's important because we're running out of antibiotics, quite frankly, and unless we discover new ones or learn how to modify the old ones, we're going to be in serious problems in the future," he said.

Jensen said with continued anti-microbial resistance, people could once again suffer from infections and diseases common at the turn of 20th century.

Kay Franz, associate professor of food science and nutrition, said her department helps test for the physiological effects of various natural compounds.



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Franz said her lab has been working with materials extracted from plants from foreign countries.

Researchers work to verify if perceived physiological effects, such as lowered blood pressure, are actually caused by the plant materials, she said.

Gary Booth, professor of zoology, is working with researchers to extract compounds from a desert plant shown to have anti-cervical cancer activity. These compounds are then tested on warm-blooded animals for toxicity.

Booth said much of the work being done is somewhat of a return to traditional m... Researchers ar... back to plar... finding out w... work, he said.

But Booth s... does not mean... sized drugs ar... their usefuln... said they wi... to play a d... part in r... treatment.

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Booth said... you'll see a... important role in... 20 years played by actu... isolated from plants."

Booth said the work bei... by the Natural Products R... Group is giving scientist... look at natural plant produ...

"It seems to me that w... starting to look at the ti... iceberg of information t... come from carefully study... plant species," he said.

Scott Pereira / Daily Universe

Party time

Members of a BYU singles ward mingle at a get-to-know-you opening social in Provo Canyon on Tuesday night.

Class offers tas... of the Middle Ea...

By Kiahna Sellers
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BYU students will experience a taste of Turkey this fall, through a new foreign language course.

Native Turk Murat Cakir, a graduate student in the TESOL program, will teach Turkish 101 for the second time in the fall.

"It's not just a language class; we learn about the Turkish culture and traditions," Cakir said.

The course represents BYU's second glimpse at this Middle Eastern country.

Cakir taught the section for the first time in winter semester; however few students were aware of the opportunity.

Director of the Center for Language Studies, Melvin J. Luthy, has high expectations for the class.

"We expect it will be an exciting course for those who take it. They'll get a superb introduction to the language," Luthy said.

The class uses Internet audio segments, visual aids, ancient artifacts, and other hands-on resources, along with the assigned text.

Jack and Shirley Steinagel finished their mission to Turkey two years ago. They recall st... with the language.

"It would have really h... a lot if we had had a cl... Murat's before our mi... Steinagel said.

The native instructor ad... insight to the class.

"Murat does a super job... born teacher. He has the h... ity, the warmness, and t... sonality of a Turk," St... said.

Cakir said he envisi... course as a stepping-st... future missionary w... Turkey.

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Online dating services create mixed emotion...

By Kristi Chaney
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The topic of online dating is generating varied opinions among college-age students.

The question of whether or not online connections are successful and whether or not they are safe is debatable.

Jana Sharp, 22, a BYU graduate, said online dating is a mixture of both.

"You have to be careful," Sharp said. "There are some online weirdos."

Sharp has been using online services for a little less than a year.

She recently started using more LDS online services, dedicated to communication between LDS individuals. Such Web sites include dateLDS.com and LDSsingles.com.

She said her experience has brought her both ups and downs.

"I've met some of my best friends online," Sharp said. "But I've also met some real jerks."

One of Sharp's negative experiences happened in January.

Sharp and a friend went out on a group date with an online buddy and a friend of his.

"He was really cool at first," Sharp said.

Then things started to change.

"He started moving way too fast," Sharp said. "And when I wanted to slow down, he'd get upset. He was strictly in it for the physical aspect, so I had to end the relationship."

Amy Gillespie, director of customer relations at LDSsingles.com, said although situations like this aren't common, they do happen.

"There are a few people who aren't as upfront as they should be," Gillespie said.

"Use common sense," Gillespie said. "Be aware of the age and watch for red flags. Don't assume people are who they say they are."

Despite the possibility of situations like Sharp's, online dating remains popular.

Collegeclub.com, one of the college-oriented dating sites available online, averages one million visitors every month.

Griffin Davis, president of collegeclub.com, said the majority of those visitors are primarily interested in e-mails and instant messaging.

LDSsingles.com has experienced between 25,000-30,000 hits a day with a history high of 105,000.

LDSsingles.com President Bob Haupt said the numbers show that there are quite a few success stories.

"We receive anywhere from five to 15 wedding announcements a month from successful online relationships," Haupt said.

Kendra Shipp, 18, from Apple Valley, Calif., has experienced some of those successes.

Shipp, was used AOL Instant Messenger to meet Kevin from Texas.

"We dated for a year," Shipp said. "We did everything from sending pictures to phone calls to e-mails."

Things went well, until she met Brian online from Long Beach, Calif.

"Kevin and I broke up and have been dating Brian for three months," Shipp said. "It's all turned out pretty good."

A friend of Shipp's, Stefanie Tucker, an 18-year-old Von Curtis Hair Academy student from Apple Valley, Calif., said that Shipp was lucky because both individuals were really nice guys, but the online scene is really not for her.

"More power to her as long as she's careful, but I don't think I'll ever do it," Tucker said. "It's kind of scary."

Steve Ting, 24, a senior majoring in computer science at Stevens-Henegar College has also had success with online services.

Ting first started using online services such as America Online four years ago, and has only had one bad experience.

Ting is not concerned wi... ty issues, but did say that ... ly, women need and usua... to be a little more cautio... men.

Sharp agreed with Ti... continues to use online s... despite the risks.

"It can be dangerous... times," Sharp said. "But t... things you can do to prote... self. If you're going to n... person you've been chattin... go on group dates a few... first."

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Chemical engineering chair gets high marks

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ent Wilding most likely t the same thing. Now, 20 years after earning his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, Wilding is back at BYU. And he's the new chair of the department in which he was once a student.

"It's very interesting because a lot of the faculty I had as teachers are still here, so now I'm colleagues with them," Wilding said.

> "Who else would make himself available for help at 11 p.m. the night before the senior project is due?"
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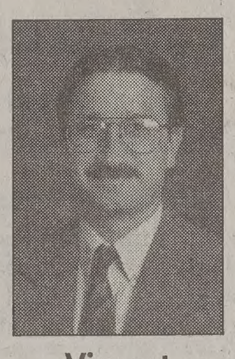
> — Marcus Boyer, a recent graduate, speaking of new chair Vincent Wilder's emphasis on being accessible to students



Vincent Wilding

"The adjustment has been interesting," he added. "Kind of fun."

Wilding established himself elsewhere before returning to his alma mater.

He earned his PhD in chemical engineering from Rice University in 1985, before returning to work as a research director and engineer at the Provo-based Wiltec Research Company. He stayed with Wiltec for ten years, including six as company president.

In 1988, Wilding's readiness to fulfill a university need led to a personal career change.

The chemical engineering staff was short handed, so they asked Wilding to come and teach some classes.

"I realized how enjoyable it was to teach and help students understand difficult concepts," he said. Six years later, Wilding became an associate professor.

"To be honest, when I was in graduate school, I had no intention of going into teaching," Wilding said.

But many students are glad he did.

Marcus Boyer, 24, from Springville, a recent graduate of the chemical engineering program, said, "Who else would make himself available for help at 11 p.m. the night before the senior project is due?"

Nancy Zundel, an engineering project coordinator and another of Wilding's former students said, "Dr. Wilding is an outstanding teacher and mentor. He has a very fun personality and will keep the department on their toes with his wit."

Wilding assumed his new role in during the summer, which he says gave him the necessary time to get up to speed and figure out what needed to be done before the beginning of Fall Semester.

He says that although there have already been some challenges, the department has come through them and is ready for the semester.

Wilding says taking care of the students is by far his No. 1 priority.

"We have a very good reputation that our faculty are very accessible to our students," he said.

He says he wants to continue and improve that reputation, "so the students know while they are here that they are appreciated and loved and we are here to serve them."

oreign-language housing offers enriching alternatives

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German, French, Spanish and other nglish languages are the spoken e in some of the apartments on s.

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ng the summer, the apartments Tagalog, Chinese, French, Por- se, German, Italian, Spanish, se and Russian.

e fall, as many as nine languages ffered, including Arabic, said Cheryl Child, foreign language secretary.

This summer there were more than 100 students living in the apartments, Child said.

Everyday, these students must speak their target language.

"Whenever we're in the apartment, we have an only-Portuguese rule so everyone speaks Portuguese in the apartment," said Clint Paulson, 22, junior from Orem majoring in English.

"We have television in French, we have tons of DVDs in French and everybody speaks French," said Gael Yonnet, 26, a senior from Bordeuax, France, majoring in neuroscience. "It's a little bit like living at home away from home. It's been really interesting."

Each apartment has a native speaker who answers questions with the language and offers conversational practice.

"I'm here to befriend them and to encourage them to talk to me so we can carry on conversations in French," Yonnet said.

He has been in the U.S. for the past five years and started living in the apartments in the spring. "My time here was the best ever," he said.

"The hardest thing, when you know another language, is to have the chance to actually practice it in conversation with people," said Stephen Pederson, 21, a freshman from Edmonton, Alberta, majoring in biology. "It seems to give them that opportunity, and I think it is really beneficial."

"It puts you in a situation where you're forced to speak that language, and that is really the key to learning the language," Paulson said.

"We just did a survey and most said they enjoyed their experience," Child said.

> "There are great people from all over the world here. It's like our own little community."
>
> — Mariela Aguilera, junior resident from Monterey, Mexico.

But the real success and work depends on the student.

"It really depends on the individual; if they really stick to it, the language program can be effective," said Mariela Aguilera, 25, junior from Monterey, Mexico, majoring in early childhood education. "If they don't apply themselves, they will not learn the language by the end of the semester."

Besides their own target language, students learn about other countries and other languages as they spend time at church, activities and meals together.

"It is a very united ward. There are great people from all over the world here," Aguilera said. "It's like our own little community."

Some students have served missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in foreign countries and have already learned another language. But they decide to have a different target language as they stay in the apartments.

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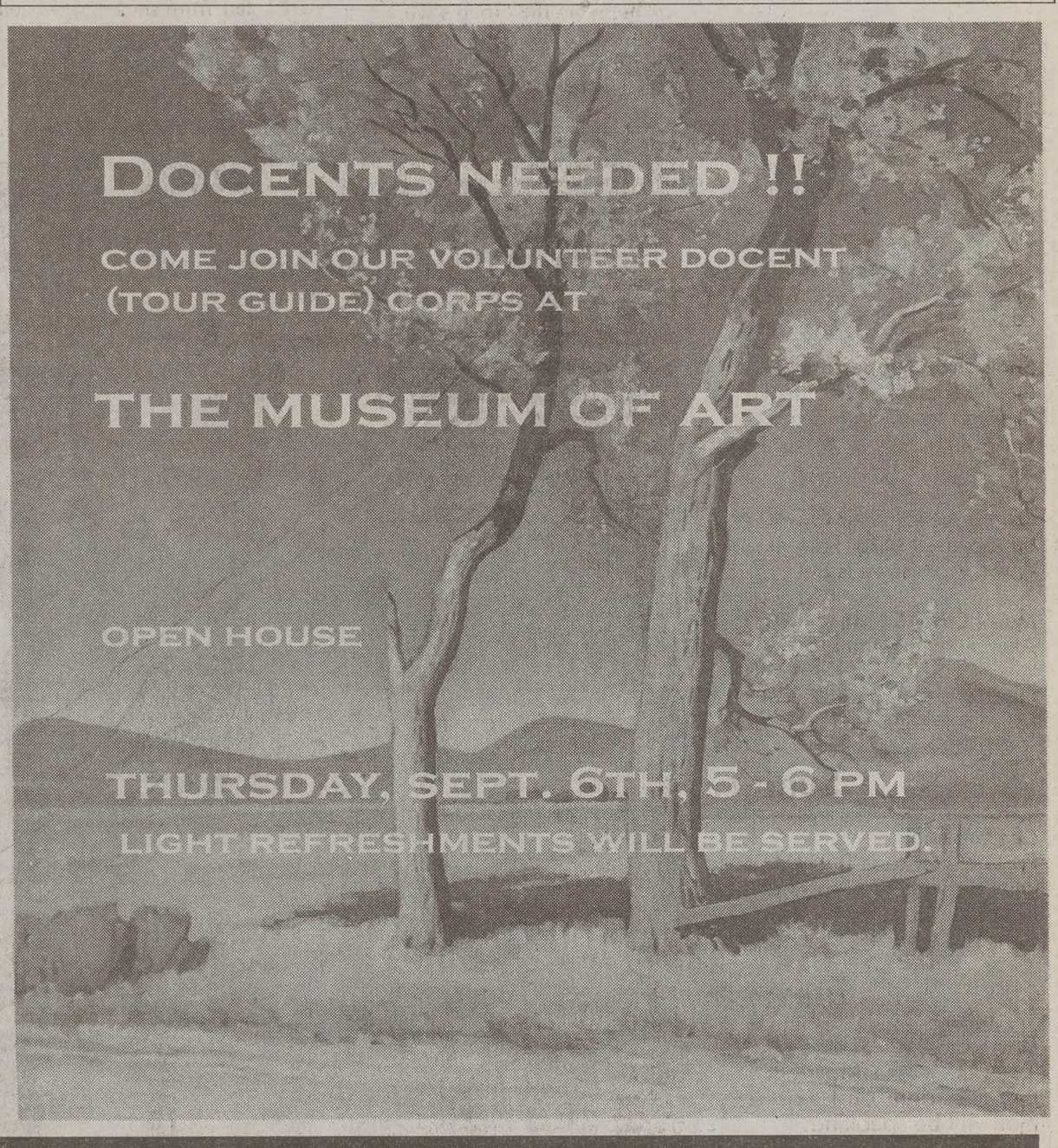
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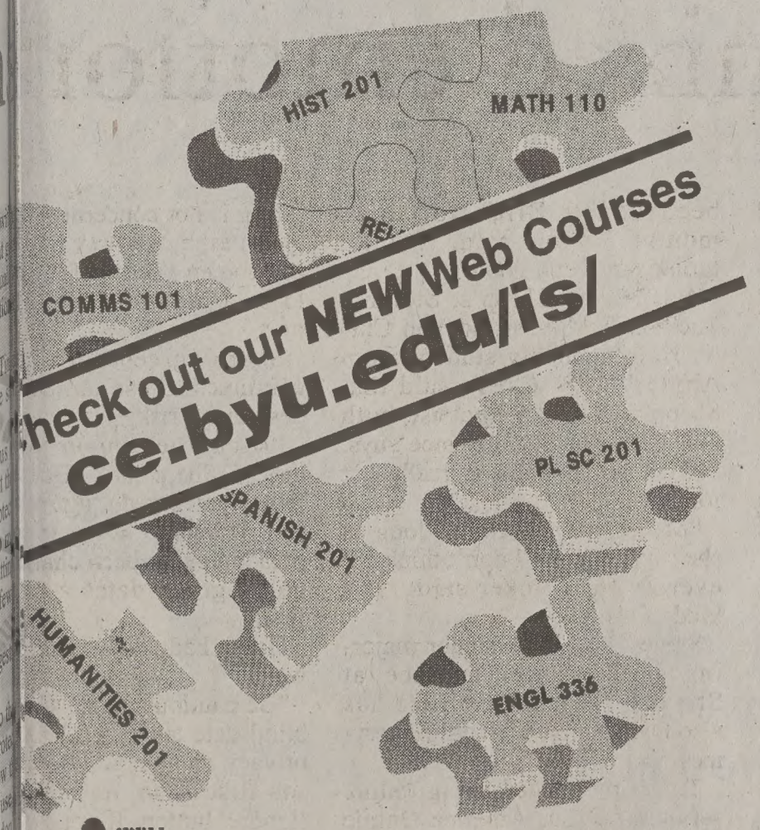

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Sects clash outside N. Ireland schools

Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Frightened schoolgirls, protected by a tunnel of soldiers and police, were rushed into a Roman Catholic elementary school in Northern Ireland on Tuesday as Protestant protesters shouted threats and vulgarities for a second straight day.

Many mothers cupped their hands over their children's ears to block out the abuse from the other side of the security lines. About 50 schoolgirls, ages 4 to 11, braved catcalls and clashes to get to class, but some two-thirds of their classmates at Holy Cross Primary School stayed home Tuesday.

One officer suffered a broken collarbone when a homemade grenade thrown from the ranks of the protesters blew up in front of him. On Monday a mother of one of the girls was injured. Police said another 21 officers suffered mostly minor injuries in overnight rioting in several parts of north Belfast, the most bitterly divided side of the Northern Ireland capital.

Politicians pleaded Tuesday for an end to the ugly confrontation.

"The present situation is appalling. There is a serious danger that the problems could spread to other schools in the area," warned David Trimble, leader of Northern Ireland's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists.

The Protestant protesters said they would keep harassing the students until Catholics stopped attacking their own vulnerable homes, which lie beside the school in an otherwise Catholic neighborhood called Ardoyne.

Protestant hostility flared in another nearby district of north Belfast as well after police confirmed they had arrested a carload of four Catholics on suspicion of killing a 16-year-old Protestant boy.

The victim, Thomas McDonald, was fatally crushed when a car followed him on his bicycle into his Protestant neighborhood, White City, and ran over him. The car reportedly was driven out of the nearby Catholic Serpentine Gardens area and been struck by stones from White City.

Shark attacks raise concern

Associated Press

AVON, N.C. — Summer's final holiday weekend was in its waning hours when Sergei Zaloukaev and Natalia Slobodskaya went for an evening swim off one of North Carolina's best-known beaches. It ended gruesomely when a shark struck them both.

Zaloukaev, 28, was bitten multiple times, losing his right foot, and died of blood loss shortly after Monday's attack. Rescue crews said he was in cardiac arrest by the time they arrived.

Slobodskaya, 23, was in critical condition at a Norfolk, Va., hospital Tuesday, breathing with the aid of a ventilator. She lost her left foot.

Trauma surgeon Dr. Jeffrey Riblet said he was surprised Slobodskaya survived: She lost a massive amount of blood, much of it from a 12-inch diameter bite on her left hip — a wound that was nearly to the bone.

No one saw the attack in the surf 20 to 40 feet off the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in waist-deep water. Zaloukaev, who lived with Slobodskaya in Oakton, Va., is the first person killed by a shark in North Carolina since 1957.

It was the nation's second fatal shark attack not only of the summer, but of the weekend. A 10-year-old boy was killed Saturday off Virginia Beach, Va., 135 miles to the north.

> "It's an average year. We will very likely fall short of last year's figures."
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> — George Burgess, spokesman for the International Shark Attack File, trying to downplay the highly-publicized rash of shark attacks this summer

George Burgess of the International Shark Attack File in Gainesville, Fla., said it was the first time since 1994 that there had been two fatal shark attacks in the United States in the same year.

Burgess said Monday's attack was very unusual because North Carolina reports few shark attacks. There were five last summer, none fatal.

He cautioned that the fatalities did not indicate a trend.

"It's an average year. We will very likely fall short of last year's figures," Burgess said.

There have been 52 attacks worldwide so far this year, three of them fatal; 41 of the attacks have been in the United States.

Last year, Burgess said, there were 84 shark attacks worldwide — the highest tally of unprovoked attacks since the ISAF began tracking the statistic in 1958. Twelve were fatal, including one U.S. death of 53 attacks.

Whatever the numbers, it has seemed like a particularly bad year for shark attacks in the United States.

In early July, 8-year-old Jessie Arbogast's right arm was ripped off by a bull shark off Florida's Gulf Coast. His arm was reattached after a daring rescue by his uncle. The Mississippi boy remains in a light coma.

Then came Saturday's attack on 10-year-old David Peltier near Virginia Beach. The shark released the boy after his father hit the shark on the head. He died hours later from loss.

Mary Doll, a spokesw for the National Park Se said there was no sign of before Monday's attack.

But Pete Viele of Vi Beach said "we saw l sharks — big sharks" as h friend took a sightseein plane ride over the area time the attack was occ below.

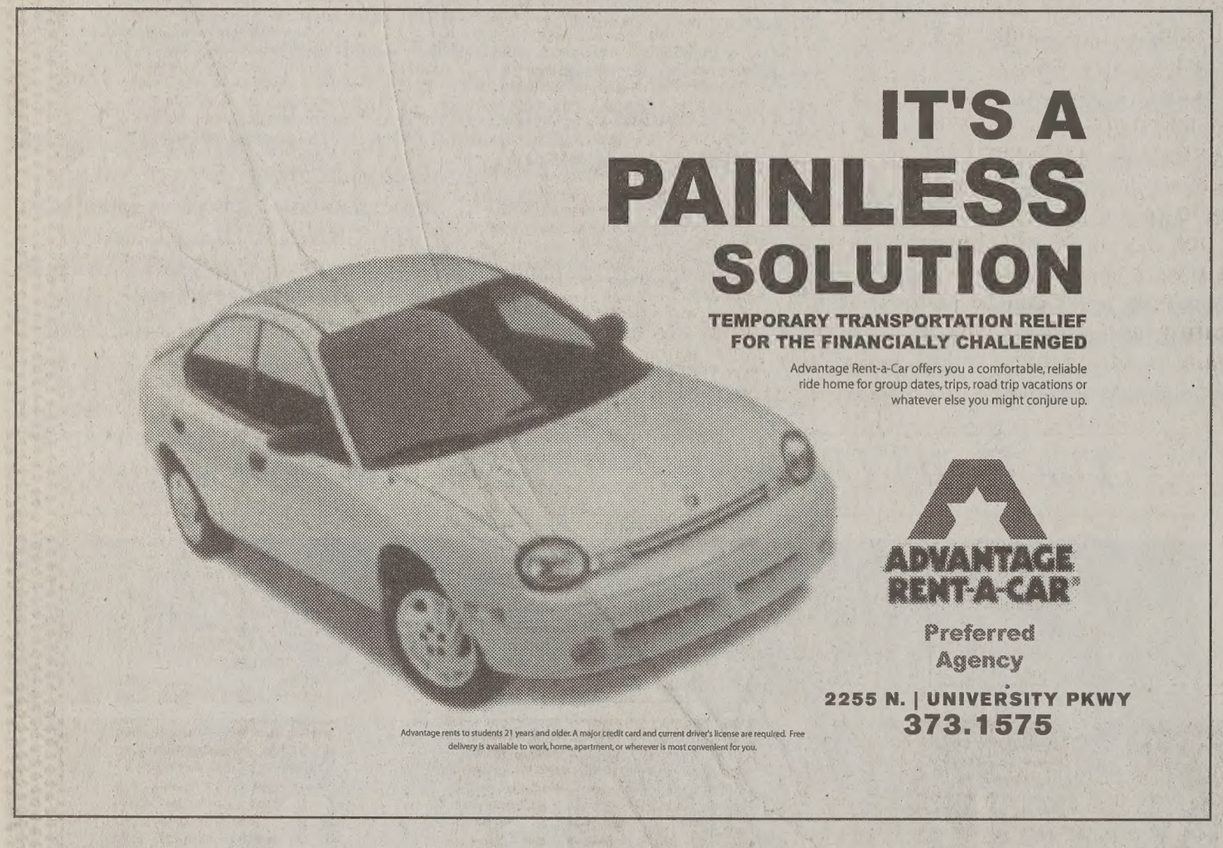
"It's freaky," Viele said.

His companion, Sue Ba Bethesda, Md., said she th a warning should have posted. Beaches in the don't have lifeguard s guards patrol the area by rain vehicle.

"I don't care if it tourism," Bader said. "Le ple know they are there s can make their own choice

There were no signs attack on the beach Tuesd a few surfers ventured ba the water. Officials a swimmers to be cautious, cially near dusk and dawn sharks seek food near shor

"Sharks don't scare surfer Joey Blink, 19, between rides. "You've go of a chance of being in a dent coming down here th ting bit by a shark."



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irit of the Winter Games, The MAiZE will also be hosting the Corny Olympics on Sept. 27, Combs said.

> "(My family) all thought I was crazy the first year, but now they don't think I'm that crazy anymore."
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> — Brett Herbst, founder of HeeHaw's corn maze

Events include running relay races through the maze, climbing over bails of hay, rolling in grits and launching pumpkins, she said.

"This year we're trying to get more college-aged students involved. UVSC already has a team and we're in the process of contacting the U of U and BYU to form teams also," Combs said.

Combs said the unique pass time of navigating through stalks of vegetables — crazy as it seems — has proved to be a successful business venture for Herbst.

In 1996, his first maze, in American Fork, drew 18,000 people in only three weeks, according to cornfieldmaze.com.

"(My family) all thought I was crazy the first year, but now they don't think I'm that crazy anymore," Herbst said.

The "corny" entrepreneur, who started his business after hearing about a corn maze in Pennsylvania, designs his own mazes, as well as mazes for other companies spanning from Florida to Hawaii, he said.

Although the Idaho native has found success nationwide, he said he enjoys bringing the popular MAiZE craze back to its home state of Utah.

Because of the large number of single adults in the Provo area, Herbst said he thought corn mazes would be popular here.

"It's perfect for dates, nighttime or daytime, and it's a good activity for church groups," Herbst said. "It's a unique way to have good, clean fun."

Elizabeth Johnson, 21, a senior from Windermere, Fla., majoring in advertising, had never been through a corn maze prior to moving to Provo.

"It's not Disney World, but if you go with a fun group of friends, a corn maze can be just as exciting as Disney's Space Mountain," Johnson said.

This year's HeeHaw's corn maze is mapped out with the Olympics in mind. Below is an aerial photo of the actual field in Pleasant Grove. The field was planted in June to have enough time to grow for fall.

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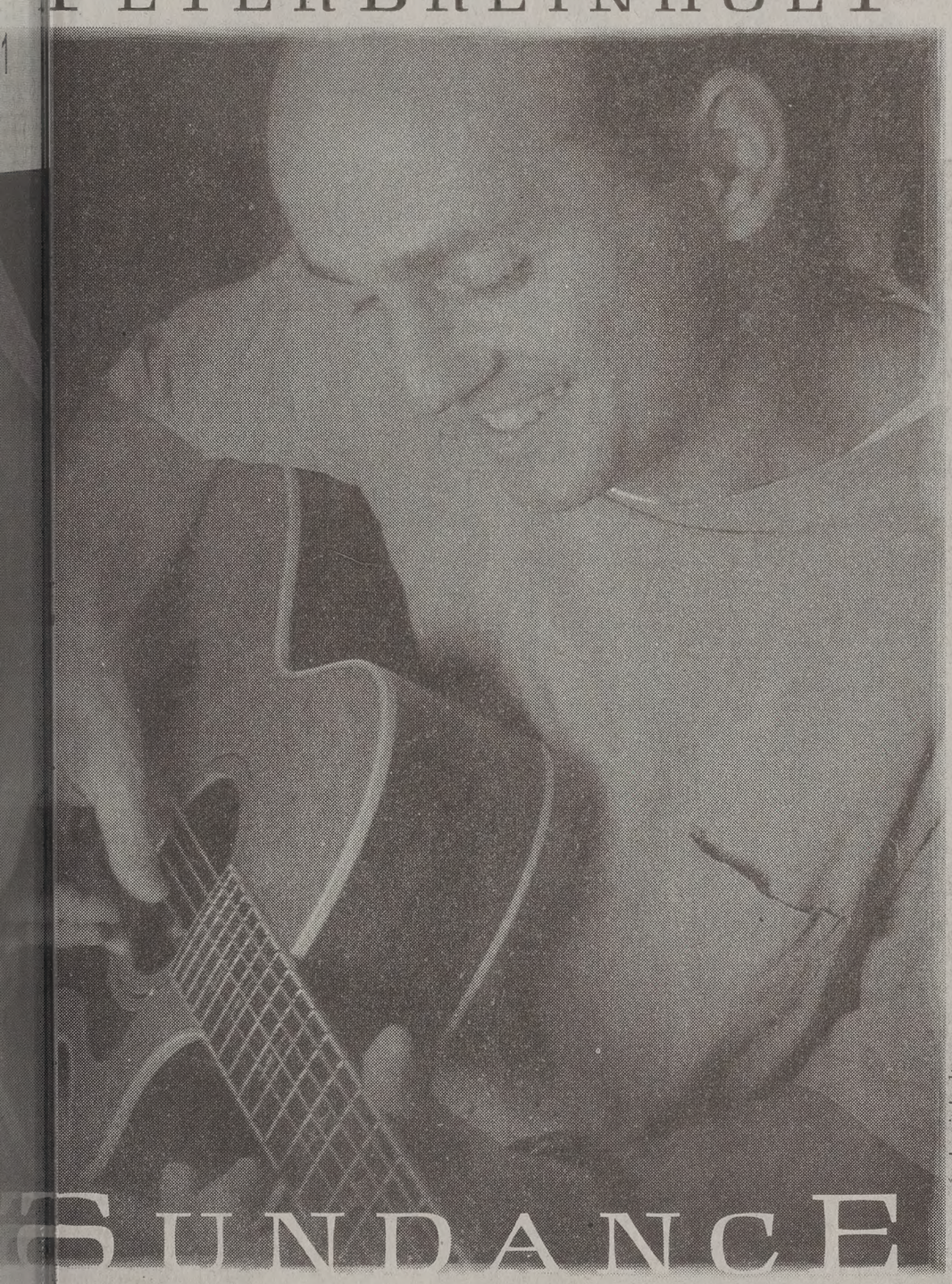

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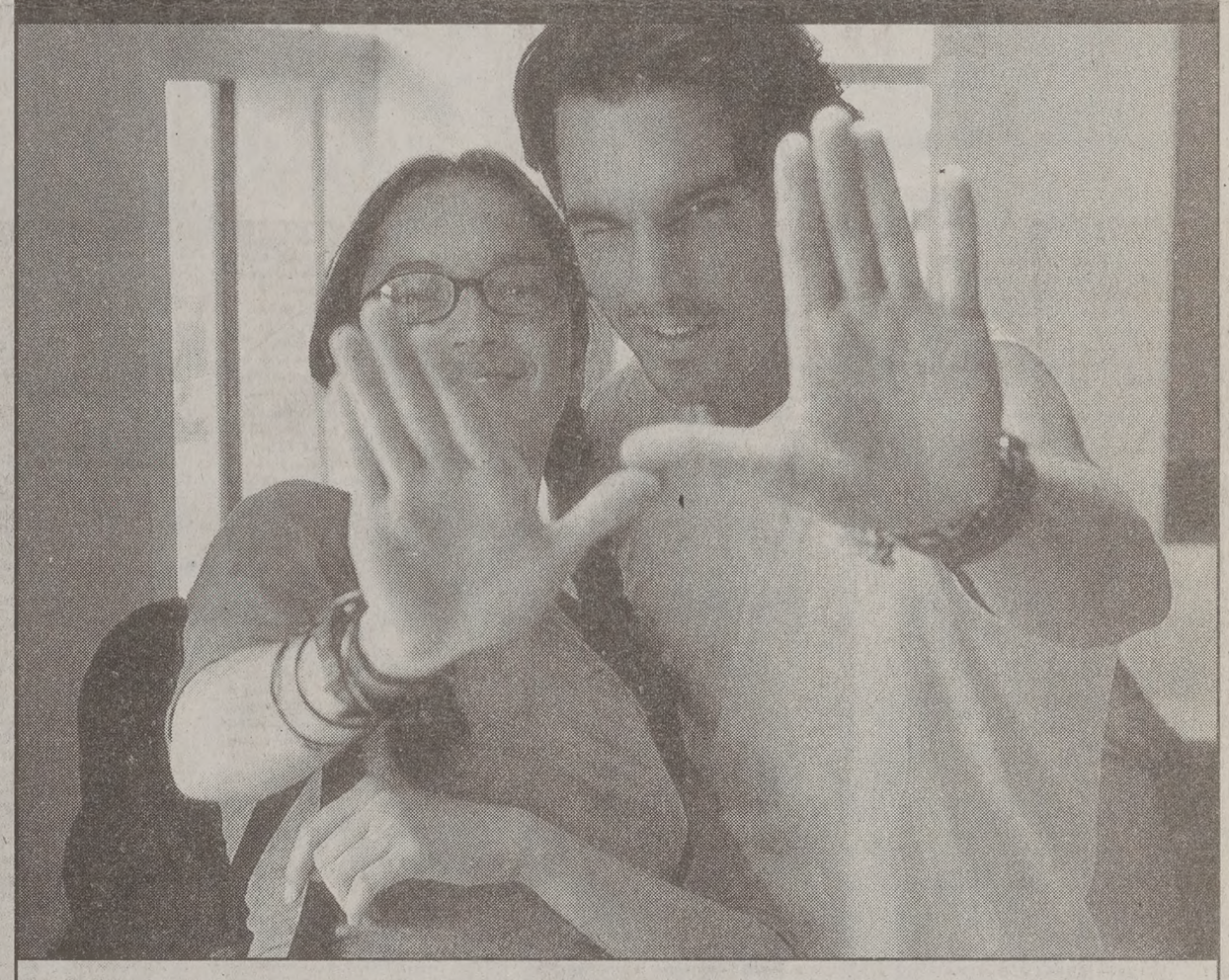

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Music culture class rocks the HFA

By Sally Atkinson
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NewsNet Staff Writer

Strains of The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and The Beatles will be heard coming from the Harris Fine Arts Center this fall.

Music professor Michael Hicks will be teaching Music 410R, a class about the history of the rock era from the pre-rock sounds of the early 1950s to 1970, when Jimi Hendrix died.

"You run the risk of killing any subject by treating it academically," Hicks said, "but I think this class will actually enrich and enliven people's experiences with music by drawing attention to things they hadn't noticed before and making connections with different music they already love."

Hicks' class examines the roots of rock 'n' roll sounds and their different transformations

Students will study various styles of rock 'n' roll, including garage, folk, psychedelic, funk, soul and Motown. They will also view relevant films associated with the genres.

Hicks taught the class for the first time in 1992, but it has only been offered a few times since then because not enough students sign up.

"This music is the music that changes culture," said Susan Kenney, a music education professor who took the class a few years ago.

Kenney said she felt her students would be cheated if she didn't learn more about rock music.

"Because of this rock class, I listen a little more sensitively to all music, including classical music," she said. "One of the things we did in this class was analyze and study the formal and harmonic structures , which is what I do with classical music anyway."

Unlike other rock courses around the country, Hicks doesn't get too much into sociological and biographical aspects of rock 'n' roll.

His class focuses on the music itself — recording t... vocal styles, harmon... sions, rhythmic patter... well as forms that c... styles and artists.

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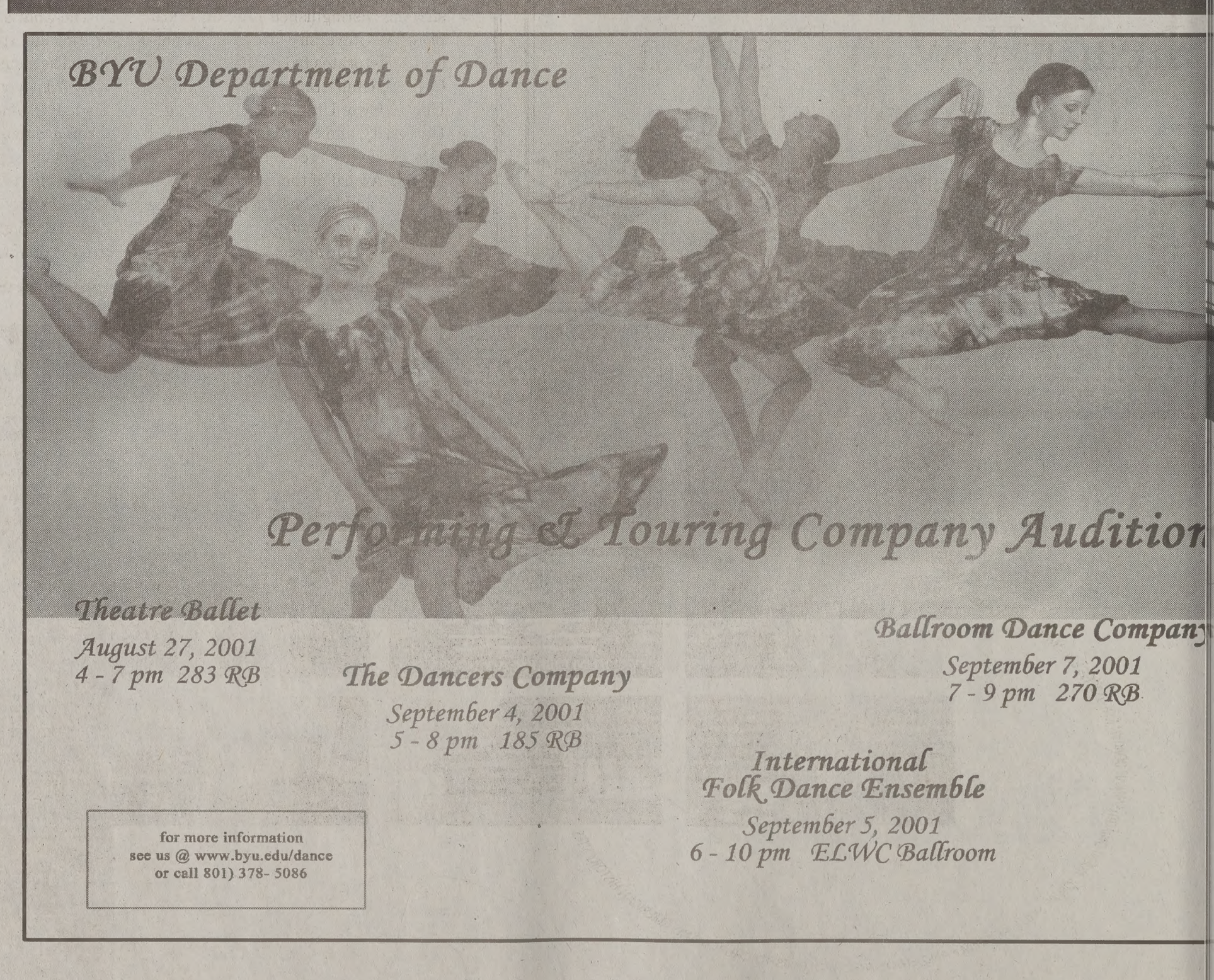
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The aquarium will be next to the Gateway redevelopment project in Salt Lake City, Anderson said. It will extend from 400 South to 300 South along 500 West.

"We are really excited about the site. It is in the heart of the city's emerging downtown. It will be one of four cultural institutions within two blocks of each other," he said.

The project all started when Anderson received a Time-Life book from his grandmother when he was five years old about the ocean.

"I opened the book and looked at it every single day – it was like cartoons for me. I saw a scuba diver in the book and I asked what did this person do and I was told that was a marine biologist. From then on that is what I wanted to do," Anderson said.

Anderson grew up in Sandy but left Utah to attend school in California. While starting a small aquarium in the Santa Barbara Zoo, he started designing the plans for The Living Planet in Salt Lake City.

"Growing up here, I knew there was nothing like it here, so I thought that this would be a great place to do it," Anderson said.

Colorado, another land-locked state, opened the Ocean Journey Aquarium in 1999.

Kimberly Thomas, public relations manager for Ocean Journey, said that being in a land-locked state is a benefit for an aquarium.

"This is the perfect place to have an aquarium because children and families don't get to see this type of wildlife nearby as if you lived on the coast," Thomas said.

That is Anderson's reason behind building an aquarium in Salt Lake City. He wants to have people connected with environment — especially the environments not in Salt Lake City.

He said he feels that if people can form a bond with nature they will have a greater appreciation and understanding and therefore want to preserve it.

"When people form a bond with something or see something first hand they are much more likely to change their habits or voting or whatever it may be to make sure those things last," Anderson said.

At Ocean Journey in Denver, marketing surveys have shown that people say they will think twice the next time about the way they use their water and will try to be more conservation-minded.

"We are trying to give them basically an experience here that would motivate them to remember something or make a change the next time they have an opportunity," Thomas said.

AT&T Broadband is helping the conservation effort as well. They have teamed up with The Living Planet to create the Marine Science Center at Kearns High School in Salt Lake County.

"The Kearns High School students are given the opportunity to work with fish — to keep them alive, to provide services and help with veterinary practices," said Barbara Shelley, regional communications director for AT&T Broadband and a member of the board of directors for The Living Planet.

Shelley sees young people leading the way.

"I am hoping these young people will be an inspiration for the rest of the state of Utah and for the leaders of Utah and for the adults and teach us to learn to protect our water resources and be much more conscious," Shelly said.

Surveys show that many young people in Utah have never seen the ocean, she said.

"We don't want them to be deprived. We want them to have every educational opportunity we can provide," Shelley said.

Sarah Knutti, 23, a senior from St. Louis majoring in history, agrees.

"I think it is interesting because it is the kind of stuff people haven't seen before who don't live near the ocean," Knutti said.

The Aquarium is still in its early stages, so Utahns will have to wait a few years to experience the ocean in Salt Lake City. The ground breaking is projected for the fall of 2003.

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President Gordon B. Hinckley was ordained and set apart as 15th president of the Church on Sunday, March 12, 1995. He had earlier served 14 years as a counselor in the First Presidency and as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles for 20 years before that.

A graduate of the University of Utah, President Hinckley has received numerous educational honors, including the Distinguished Citizen Award from Southern Utah University, the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Utah, and honorary doctorates from Westminster College, Utah State University, the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and Southern Utah University. He has received the Silver Buffalo Award of the Boy Scouts of America and has been honored by the National Conference for Community and Justice for his contributions toward tolerance and understanding in the world.

President Hinckley's Church assignments have taken him around the world several times, and he has dedicated more temples than any other leader in the history of the Church.

He has given numerous interviews to major news media, including the *New York Times, Los Angeles Times,* the CBS *60 Minutes* television news magazine, and the popular CNN cable television program *Larry King Live.*

The Church leader is known for his writing and speaking skills, which he honed as a missionary preaching regularly from a portable stand in London's Hyde Park and further refined as a Church authority. He has written numerous manuals, pamphlets, and scripts.

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Lacrosse team try-outs commence

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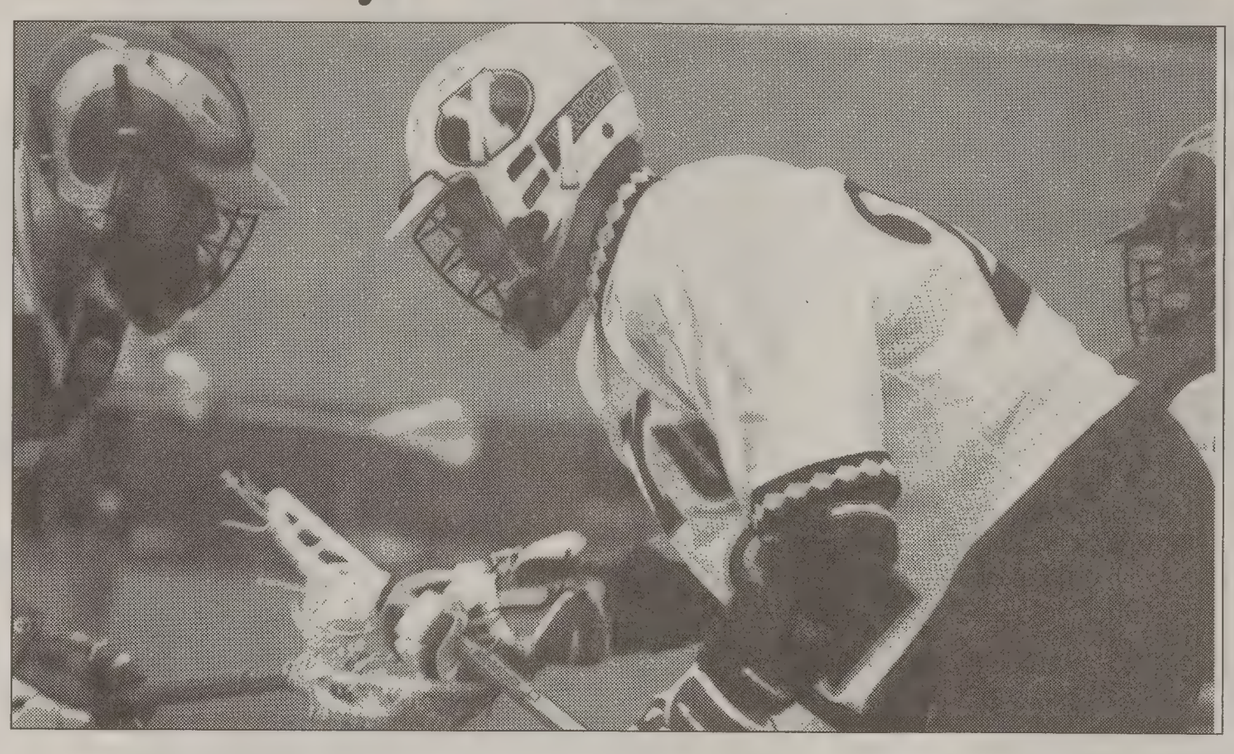

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A BYU lacrosse team member faces off in a game last season.

BYU's national championship men's lacrosse team is looking for new members. Only 16 of last season's 36 players will be returning to the Cougar lacrosse field.

This year's roster is capped at 40 players. Walk-ons are welcome to try-out for the team.

The BYU lacrosse team has gained national recognition since entering the competitive scene in 1997. From that time the team has won four league titles and two national championships.

"We've got a lot of great talent coming in this season," said head coach Jason Lamb. Currently Lamb serves as the president of the United States Lacrosse Intercollegiate Association council. Over the past six years Lamb has reconstructed the BYU lacrosse program.

Before Lamb the BYU lacrosse team was similar to a club, with few competitive games. "Now," Lamb said, "athleticism and years of experience make the difference in our players."

BYU's early lacrosse team was similar to a P.E. team, Lamb said. "The competitive season was just a few games," he said, "and there was very little intercollegiate competition."

Boasting an 81 percent winning record — 93 wins and 24 losses — today the BYU lacrosse team is anything but a P.E. program. "We are expected to be one of the top teams again this year," Lamb said.

Recently lacrosse has become more popular in western states. Lacrosse is the oldest American sport — played initially by the American Indians.

For years lacrosse was played in elitist eastern schools, Lamb said. "The more people participate in the sport, the more they like it and the more popular it has become," Lamb said.

Colorado and California have already sanctioned lacrosse as a high school sport. "Utah is sandwiched in the middle," Lamb said, "so it is just a matter of time until lacrosse is a high school sport in Utah as well."

Fans enjoy the sport, Lamb said. "Lacrosse is truly a spectator sport," he said. "You don't have to have a handbook to know what is going on — you can understand the game by sitting there."

Lamb attributes lacrosse's increased popularity to two factors: player's and spectator's enjoyment.

"Size isn't important," Lamb said, "so there is a position for any athlete." The size of an athlete is not as crucial as in other contact sports, Lamb explained. "If a player can play the game — it doesn't matter if they are big or small."

Lacrosse is enjoyable to watch, Lamb said, because it is fast paced. "It's like watching a well played basketball game," he said, "both teams go back and forth."

Since the lacrosse team is an extramural sport, no official recruiting takes place. All recruiting is done by word of mouth. "If I hear about a good kid, I try to get in touch with him and see what his plans are for college," Lamb said.

The BYU lacrosse summer camp is another way high school players get exposure to the BYU lacrosse program. "If we see a kid at the camp with a lot of potential we watch him, and keep in touch," Lamb said.

There are 130 schools in the association. Division One Lacrosse consists of 52 teams. Therefore the number of collegiate lacrosse teams is relatively small.

As the popularity of lacrosse increases in the high school level, those players have to be increasingly competitive to play at the collegiate level. Lamb explained that because of Title Nine equal opportunity codes, many colleges have been slow in adding lacrosse programs.

"I've always wanted to play at BYU," said Clinton Felsted, 29, a senior from Towson Md., majoring in computer science.

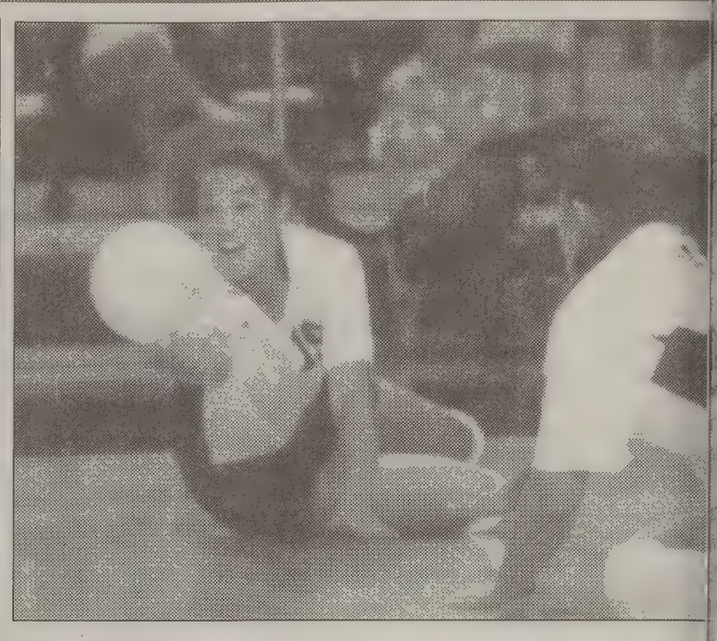
"Lacrosse was the biggest sport in our high school," Felsted said. "A lot of people here think lacrosse is a petty sport," Felsted said, "but as soon as we get them to watch at least one game…they love it."

> "Size isn't important, so there's a position for any athlete."
> — Jason Lamb, BYU Lacrosse coach

Felsted enjoys the sport because it is technical, physical and fast. "It exciting to play…the ball moves very quickly and the entire game is really physical," he said.

Felsted is optimistic of this year's team. "Every year we go into the season expecting to win the national title," he said, "this year we have some phenomenal new players joining the team."

Try-outs begin Sept. 10 at 5 p.m. on the Helaman Halls field. For more information contact Coach Jason Lamb.



MWC Player of The Week, Sunny Mahe, dives for the ball in a game last season.

Mahe named conferen v-ball player of the we

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Sunny Mahe, BYU junior outside hitter, was named the Mountain West Conference Volleyball Player of the Week, marking the second time overall she has earned the award.

"It's nice to see other people appreciate it but I won't let that affect my playing," Mahe said. "It's important to not let it puff up your head."

Mahe, a Texas native, led BYU to a 3-1 record at the Washington Tournament in Seattle last weekend with 45 kills (3.75 per game) and a 0.330 hitting percentage, earning her all-tournament honors.

For her award-winning week, Mahe achieved 23 digs, (1.92 per game) and 56.5 points, which ranks second in the MWC.

Mahe posted her best numbers of the week in a four-game win against Purdue with a career-high 22 kills, 12 digs, five total blocks and a 0.724 hitting percentage. She also had nine kills in a sweep of Washington and 14 kills in a five-game loss to Texas.

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"My Dad was alway me a volleyball," Mahe

Mahe started playing volleyball in fourth gra ing for city and re leagues. She continue through high school and playing for BYU for thr

"I love playing fo Mahe said. "This year a great team. You can dict it but I think we great shot this year."

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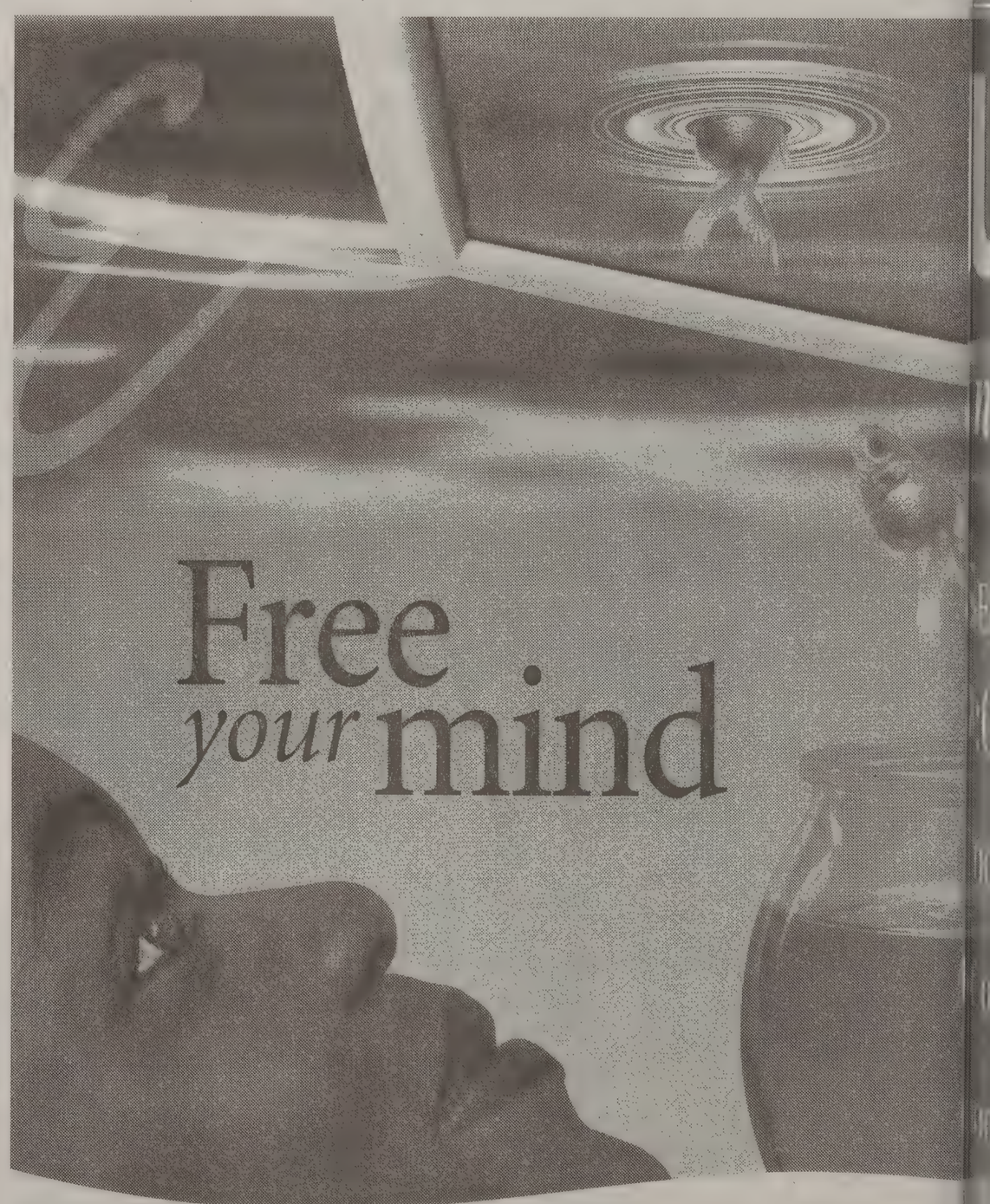

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A native of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Bernier was an athletic standout in hockey, football, basketball, and volleyball.

He began playing hockey when he was three years old on a makeshift rink bordering his home. He continued amateur hockey in Devon, Alberta, and currently plays competitive city-league hockey.

After serving a mission to Peru for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Bernier attended the University of Alberta and the University of Idaho. Bernier graduated with a degree in architecture.

Bernier joined as a principal at Thomas Petersen Hammond Architects where he has been a valuable asset to the architectural community for over 10 years.

Ray and his wife, Salwa, have four sons: Timothy, 18; Alex, 13; Christopher, 9; and James, 6.

Bernier invites all BYU students interested in trying out for the IceCat Hockey Team to attend the pre-tryout meeting at Peaks Ice Arena on Thursday Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. Tryouts will be held at the Peaks Ice Arena on Friday Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, September 8, at 8 p.m.

For more information contact Ray Bernier at (801) 541-1553.

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Cricket brings couch to BYU Football

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Cougar fans enjoy the BYU football game from the Cricket couch

The 2001 BYU football season has ushered in many new aspects including a new stadium name, new players and new fans. But a colorful change found at LaVell Edwards Stadium is Cricket's distinctive green couch.

The green couch featured on television advertisements for Cricket, a wireless around-town phone, will be situated on the second row in section C at every BYU home game throughout the season.

The couch has already been featured at two BYU home games. Jennifer Wickham of Provo was Cricket's winner last week and sat on the couch during the BYU vs. Nevada game.

"I sat on the couch with three family members," Wickham said. "It was my first football game ever, and my Dad taught me all about the sport while we sat on the couch."

Wickham's father, a BYU alumnus, said he hadn't attended a Cougar football game for over 26 years.

Rick Barlow, Cricket general manager, said "We're big football fans, too. We're excited to show our support to BYU football, as well as give Cougars fans and our customers the chance to see the Cougars up close and personal from the most comfortable seat in the house."

Because of Cricket's joining with BYU football, games now features two similar promotions: Cricket's Most Comfortable Seat In The House and RC Willey's Best Seat In The House.

Cricket's couch and RC Willey's La-z-boy are located on the north and south 40-yard lines on the alumni side of the stadium.

Cricket choose using a green couch for its advertising because it symbolizes the comfort of having one phone plan, Barlow said.

Football fans can enter to win a chance to view the Cougars from the Cricket couch by visiting any Cricket stores along the Wasatch Front or the BYU Bookstore.

In conjunction with its profile at BYU football games, Cricket phones have also recently become available at the BYU Bookstore, Barlow said.

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Almonte's father charged with falsifying son's birth certificate

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Danny Almonte's father was charged Tuesday with falsifying a birth certificate to make his son appear to be 12 when he actually was 14 — and thus too old for Little League.

Felipe de Jesus Almonte "will be arrested as soon as he sets foot in this country," said Victor Romero, a public-records official in the Dominican Republic who determined the young pitcher's real age.

De Jesus, who is still in New York, faces three to five years in jail if convicted.

Also on Tuesday, school officials said Almonte was finishing seventh grade in the Dominican Republic up to June — another reason he should not have qualified for Little League championships.

Almonte finished seventh grade June 15 at the Andres Bello Primary School, said Bolivar de Luna Gomez, vice principal of the school in Moca, a small farming town 90 miles north of Santo Domingo.

That would have prevented the boy from playing the required six Little League games to qualify for the championships.

"We can't lie," Gomez told The Associated Press. "He was here and the records show this. It is the truth, and if authorities ask us to turn the documents in, we are ready to do so."

The New York Times first reported Almonte's status at the Dominican Republic school on Tuesday.

Joann Dalmau, spokeswoman for Almonte's Bronx, N.Y.-based Rolando Paulino All-Stars team, denied the boy had lived in the Dominican Republic until June.

"I saw him in May here, playing in a regular-season game," she said. "So there was no way he was in the Dominican Republic in June."

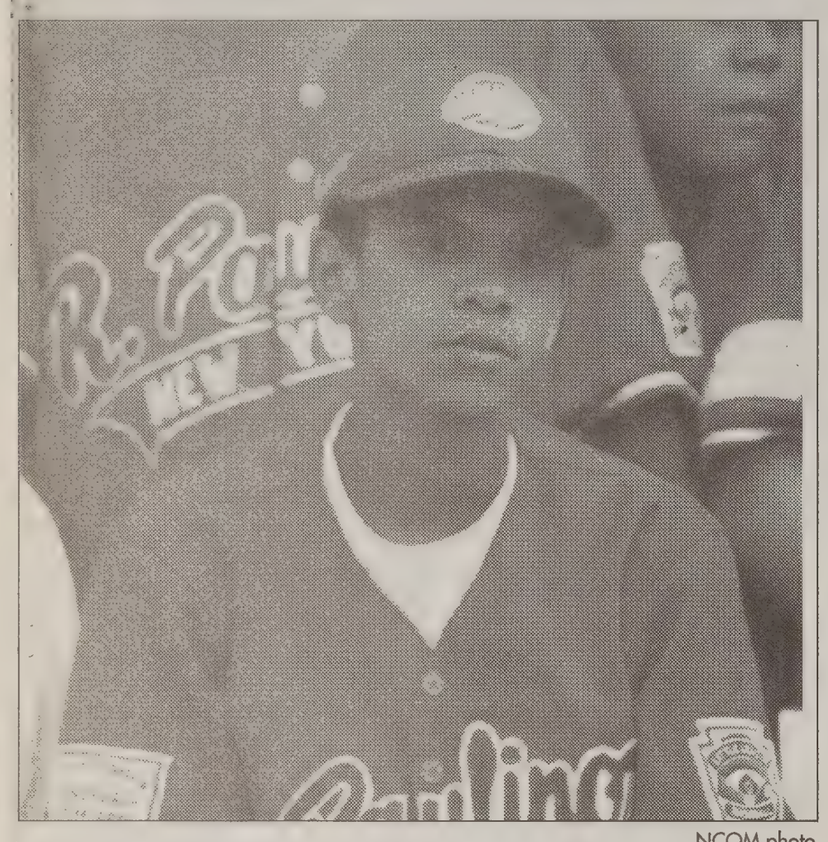
But Romero confirmed Almonte had been in a Dominican school until June.

The New York team was stripped of its third-place finish in the World Series after Almonte's real age was revealed Friday. Little League also voided all of Almonte's records, including a perfect game.

Depending on the weather, Little League seasons start as early as February and as late as June 1, with the all-star tournament that leads to the Little League World Series beginning July 1. To be on a league's all-star team and participate in the tournament, a player must have played in at least half of his team's games by June 15.

Little League spokesman Lance Van Auken said that would have been impossible for Almonte.

"If he wasn't in the country until after June 15, then it seems impossible that he would have been eligible under those conditions as well," Van Auken said. "It adds to the weight of evidence against Rolando Paulino and anyone else who might have known Danny was ineligible."



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Danny Almonte

NFL officials lockout may threaten season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL and its locked-out officials got nowhere in negotiations Tuesday, despite facing a midweek deadline to reach a deal or go into the regular season with the replacements who worked last week's exhibition games.

After saying last weekend that there was a good chance of a deal, hopes seemed to be fading. Both sides will meet again Wednesday.

Tom Condon, the chief negotiator for NFL Referees Association, wouldn't even describe Tuesday's talks as "negotiations" between two sides that are from 50-75 percent apart in their salary proposals.

The same opinion came from the NFL.

"I'm not optimistic because of how far apart I know we are," Dallas owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday. "I'm disappointed, but I'm also very pleased with how the officials that are coming in performed this past weekend. We've had a chance as a league to review each performance and overall it was outstanding."

Jeff Pash, the chief negotiator for the NFL, said Sunday that unless there was a deal in place by "late Wednesday or early Thursday," the league wo tinue the lockout. Official have to know by the games they were to do a travel plans.

The NFL also canc annual meetng of referee field officials (field judg judges and back judg replay officials, schedu Friday in Dallas. That always has been held t before the season opens.

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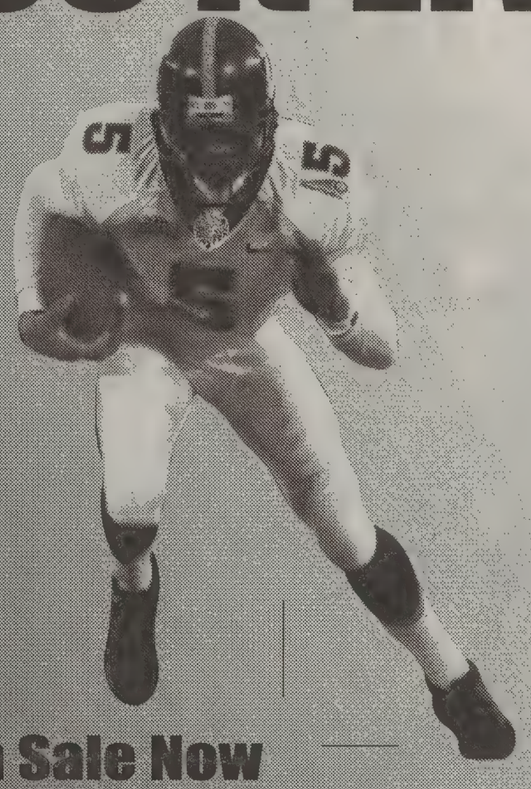
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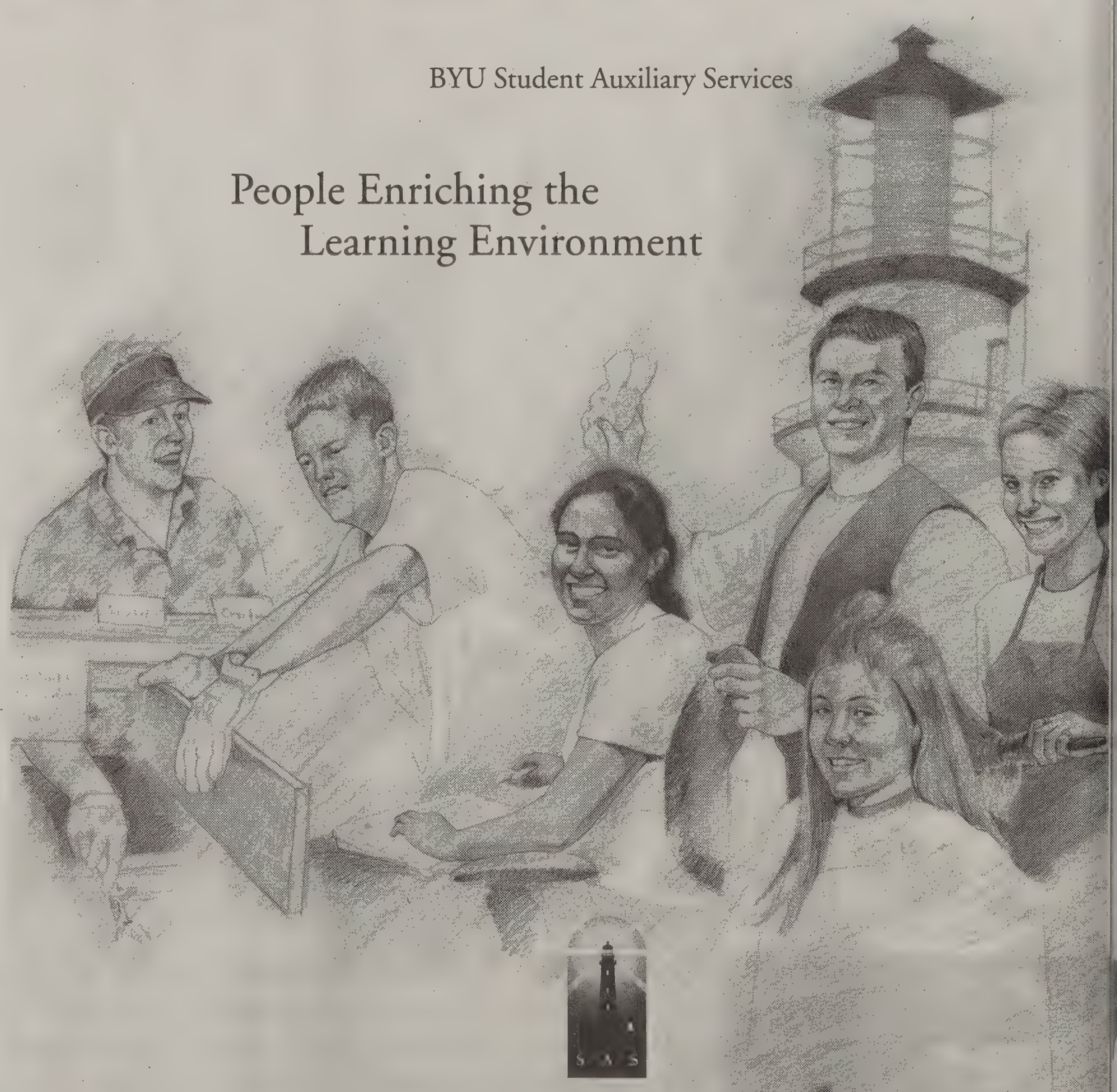
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tramural officiator positions nester have been almost as fter as positions on flag foot- is.

40 referees and supervisors d by the Office of Intramural s, about 25 will be new hires all. These 40 positions will at all the team sports avail- ugh the intramural department tball, flag football, volleyball, d ultimate Frisbee.

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t exercise running around dur- ame, you get to work in sports ple that have similar interests, lot of fun," Thorpe said.

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> "There's a lot of rules you don't know until you're a referee."
>
> — Kevin Thorpe, BYU student

job on campus."

"The most important thing we look at is if (the applicant has) had an interest in the sport and know something about it," Kelly said.

Kelly said some applicants believe an officiating job will help further them toward their chosen career.

On average, about one-fourth of the officiators employed are enrolled in sports-related majors, including physical education or recreational management. Other employees have had coaching or refereeing minors — minors for which an officiating job would be a nice complement.

Kelly said other referees who request specific sports, such as volleyball or soccer, have played or officiated for that sport before and would like to do so again.

After being hired, the officiators have several training meetings and weekly staff meetings to train them in the rules and procedures of their respective sports.

"A lot of [the applicants] want to [officiate] and get pretty good," Kelly said. "That's some of the best training they could have, to do it over and over again."

Kelly said it is harder to find referees or supervisors interested in working flag football or ultimate Frisbee, simply because those sports are less common.

Ironically, flag football is one of the most popular fall intramural sports, with 228 men's teams and 60 women's teams signed up to play.

Thorpe said the line to register for teams began outside the intramural office Tuesday morning at 6 am. He added that all the team registrations for fall would probably be complete in a few more days.

Thorpe also said the employee turnover ratio is often high, due to the frequently strenuous nature of the job. Poor sportsmanship on part of many players may contribute to the stress.

"People get tired of getting yelled at every night," Thorpe said. "There's a lot of rules you don't know until you're a referee. (My job) has made me as a player a lot more respectful of the referees and the job they do."

Thorpe said although he now works mainly in the intramural office, he would miss the officiating. He said the job has helped him in his work with psychology.

File Photo

BYU flag football players mix it up during one of their games. Intramural referees officiate at all flag football matches, as well as all other team sports, during Fall Semester.

"As a ref you have to deal with people that are upset you have to separate yourself from that and help people to resolve their problems," Thorpe said.

Emily Andrews, the assistant director of intramural activities, officiated for several intramural sports for two years when she was a BYU student. Andrews said many of her past officiating colleagues have gone on to referee at both high school and junior college levels.

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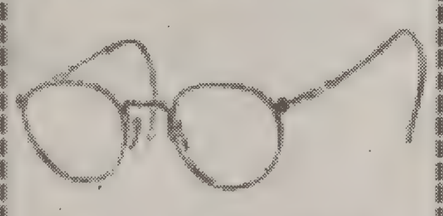

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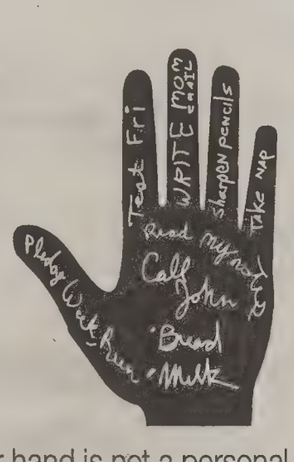

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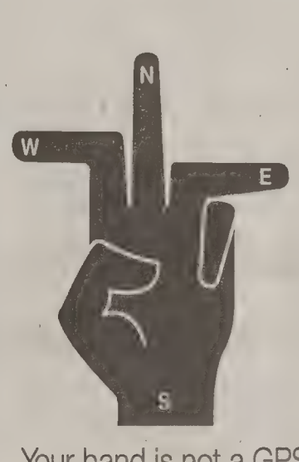

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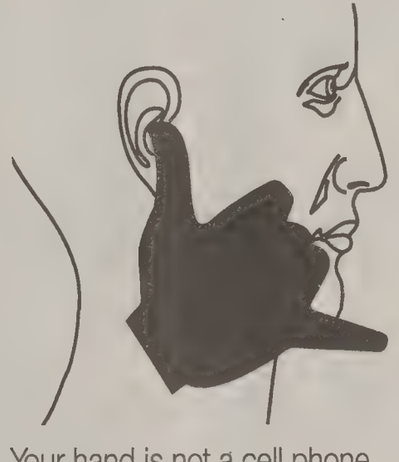

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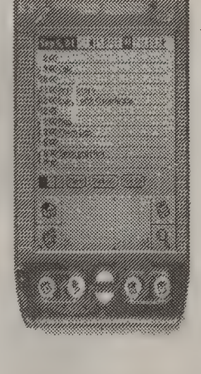

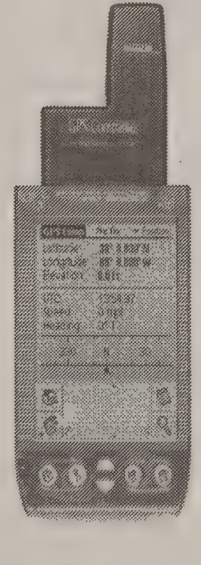

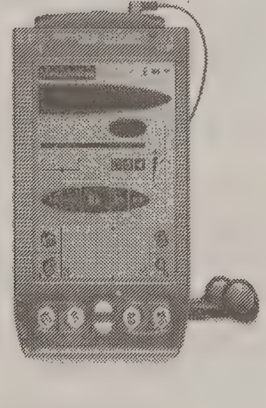

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Armed man takes hostages, leaves money in bank heist

Associated Press

LOWELL, Ind. — A man armed with a sawed-off shotgun entered a bank and took nine people hostage Tuesday morning before surrendering about four hours later. No one was injured, police said.

The hostages were released as police negotiators talked to the bank manager, who relayed the gunman's demands. Authorities said David Potchen, 39, of Lowell, asked for two Big Macs and a pack of cigarettes, which were delivered in exchange for two hostages.

Mike Arredondo, chief of the Lake County Police Department, said it wasn't clear if the man was trying to rob the bank. He said when the man walked in, he told bank employees to make sure that the alarm went off and that authorities and the media were alerted.

"He came in with a shotgun and told them to call police and that they were going to be there awhile," Arredondo said.

FBI agent Bob Reilley said investigators were trying to determine a motive.

"We certainly believe that he had some sort of major personal or financial problem here," Reilley said.

Records show that Potchen had declared bankruptcy in May of last year.

Michael Schrage, president of Centier Bank, said some of the employees who were held hostage recognized the man as a former customer.

"He might have been without a job and he hadn't eaten for a while," Schrage said after speaking with the employees. "He was really unsure of what he wanted and didn't know what he wanted to do."

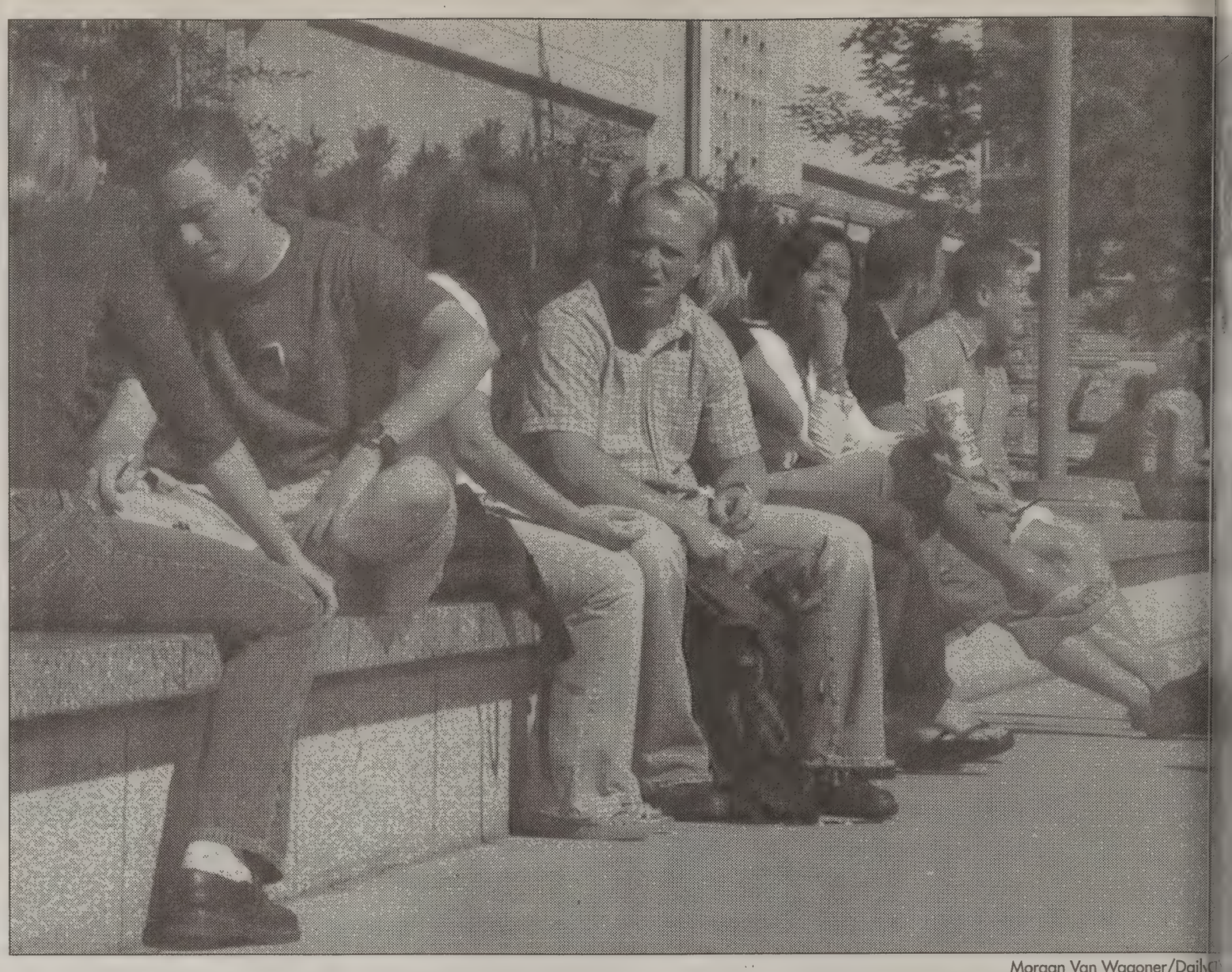
Once released, the hostages were brought into a department store in a shopping plaza behind the bank. Store employee Josh Wleklinski, 18, said he talked with some of the hostages.

"They were saying he was calm and just wanted food," Wleklinski said. "They asked him if he wanted money and he said no. He was calm and he knew what he wanted and it wasn't the money."

Nearby Lowell High School had been locked down because of the standoff, as were two nearby restaurants and five schools farther away from the bank.

"We were told not to be really moving around, because the city is in chaos," town administrator Rick Dal Corobbo said.

Lowell, a rural town of about 7,500 people, is located in northwest Indiana, about 40 miles south of Chicago.



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Wildfires cause mercury release in ai

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Researchers who collected smoke from Washington wildfires last month have concluded that significant amounts of mercury stored in trees, plants and forest litter rise into the atmosphere when the forest burns.

Hans Friedli, a chemist for the National Center for Atmospheric Research, said that while breathing smoke is harmful in general, the airborne mercury doesn't carry an acute health hazard. Mercury in water is a problem, however, and the fallout from fires can contribute to it.

Extreme concentrations of methyl mercury from fallout, smelters and other sources can lead to advisories for children and pregnant women to limit their intake of fish to avoid health problems.

The Washington Department of Health has a long-standing health advisory for Lake Roosevelt.

Scientists estimate that about 6,500 tons of gaseous elemental mercury is circulating in the Earth's atmosphere at any given time.

About half comes from industrial sources, such as coal-fired electrical generators and trash incinerators. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 41 tons are contributed annually from coal-fired plants in the United States alone.

The other half of atmospheric mercury comes from natural sources, including volcanoes and fires.

Whatever its source, gaseous elemental mercury stays in the atmosphere for about a year, drifting over the Earth. Then it falls out, either dry or with rain.

"If it lands in water, it gets transformed into methyl mercury," Friedli said.

Mercury that lands on plants is stored in the leaves or needles. When the leaves drop, the mercury is stored in forest duff and the soil, and can be carried to lakes by runoff.

Friedli and his colleagues from the Colorado-based National Center for Atmospheric Research started the project at the U.S. Forest Service Fire Science Laboratory in Missoula, Mont. There, they measured the mercury in forest samples collected across the nation.

Sensors showed that nearly all the mercury became airborne when the samples burned.

Future research should determine exactly how much mercury from the soil becomes airborne during a fire, Friedli said.

For his most recent sampling, Friedli and scientists from the University of Washington flew a UW plane directly into the thickest smoke plumes they could find. They flew over wildfires at Lake Chelan and near Omak, Wash. The scientists also flew over an Eastern Oregon wheat field where the farmer was burning stubble.

"We found less mercury there, which is what we expected" because agricultural fields burn more frequently than [illegible] Friedli said. The mercury [illegible] time to build up betwee[illegible] and harvests.

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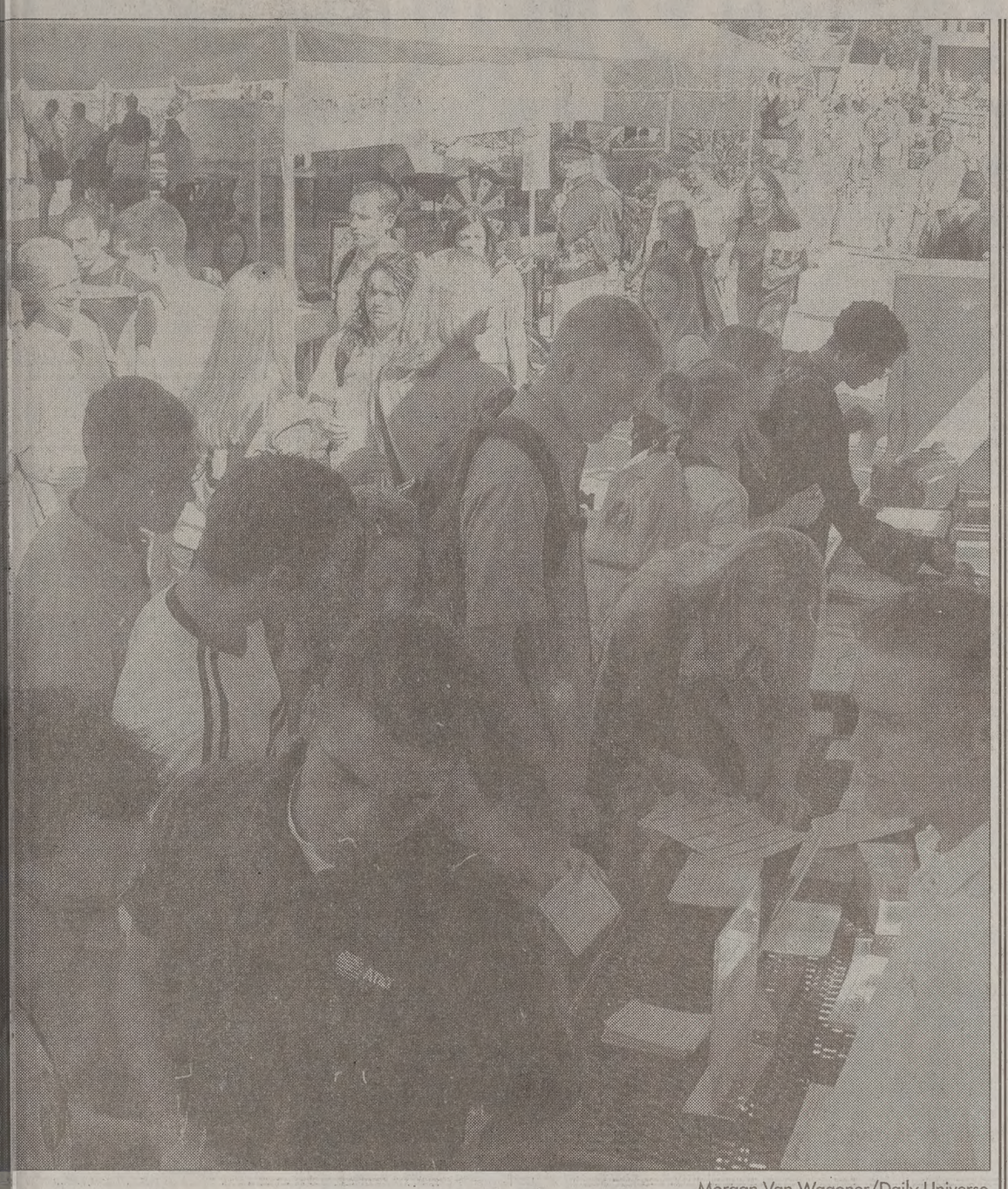

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Bush waits for economy before cutting taxes further

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush opened the door Tuesday to a future cut in the capital gains tax, a longtime Republican prescription for reviving an ailing economy, but said he first wants to see the effects of last spring's income tax cut.

Bracing for an autumn of wrestling with Democrats over the sluggish economy and diminished budget surplus, Bush told reporters that before reducing the capital gains tax, he wanted to give the income tax cut time to stimulate the economy. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the idea could be considered for the fiscal 2003 budget, to be sent to Congress early next year.

"But I'm open-minded," Bush said, before meeting with Senate leaders as Congress returned from its summer break.

Bush said trimming the capital gains tax rate — now 20 percent for most people — "would pile up some revenues" for the government. That would be a huge help for the administration as it scours the tight budget for money to pay for its proposals to boost defense, education and other spending.

Many economists say the government could make money in the early period of a capital gains tax cut — as people sell their property to take advantage of the lower taxes — but the reduction would be a money-loser for the government in the long run. Republicans say it is a money-maker because it prompts property sales that would not have occurred otherwise.

The president also sought to reassure senior citizens that Social Security and the benefits it pays remain solid. His comments seemed aimed at countering Democrats who have played up last month's Congressional Budget Office projections that small portions of that program's surplus are being spent for other federal activities — something Bush and members of both parties had pledged repeatedly to avoid.

"I understand how politics works up here," Bush said. "There's always that scare tactic trying to tell the American people that the budget process is going to lead them to not get their Social Security check. That's just ridiculous. It's just not right."

Despite repeated questions, Bush declined to say he would veto legislation that would erode the Social Security surplus. Later, a senior aide said Bush would stand by earlier pledges to veto such bills, but hadn't wanted to say so on a day when he was emphasizing his willingness to work with Democrats.

At a hearing on the budget office's surplus forecasts, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., played on that Social Security theme and blamed the tax cut for much of the problem. Conrad said the office's numbers showed it was "too good to be true" when Bush made oft-repeated promises to protect Social Security surpluses while cutting taxes and boosting spending for defense, education and other priorities.

It also said $9 billion in Social Security surpluses would be used for other federal programs this year, and projected the government would dip slightly into Social Security funds or narrowly avoid doing so over the next five years.

If true, that would have little effect on Social Security's solvency, but it would cross a line both parties have drawn as a symbol of their devotion to reducing the national debt.

Many Democrats have long complained that reducing the capital gains tax — paid on profits of sales of real estate and other investments — tends to benefit the rich.

Though Republicans have always viewed Bush as being sympathetic to trimming the capital gains tax, he omitted it from his tax-cutting plan during his campaign amid efforts to cast himself as a more populist Republican. It was not included in the 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut Bush pushed through Congress last spring.

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., met with Bush Tuesday and told reporters later that he favored reducing the capital gains tax rate to 15 percent for two years.

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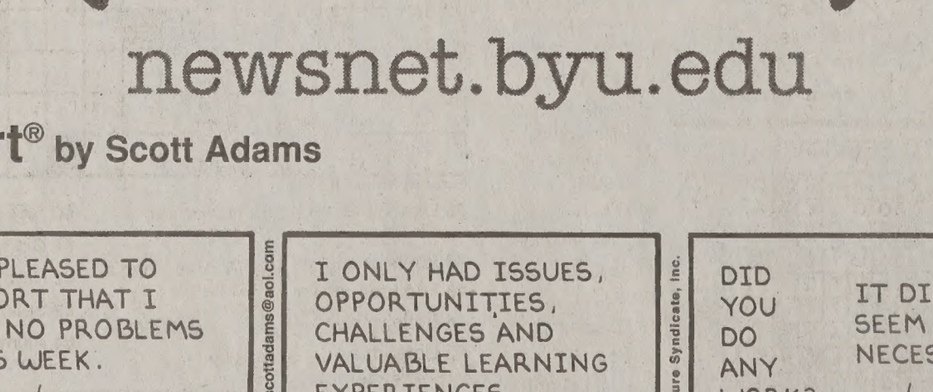

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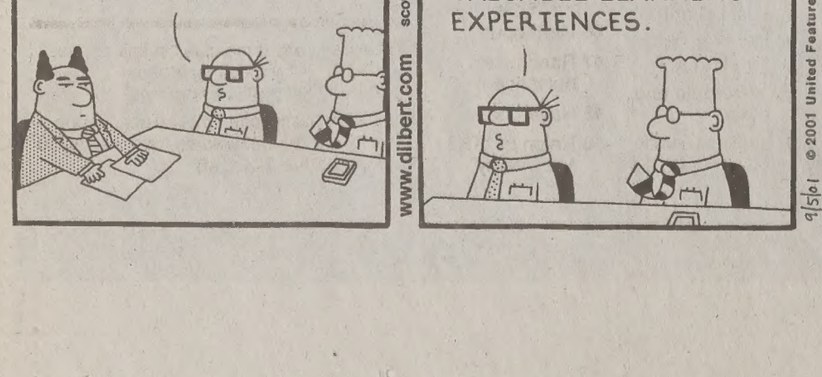
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Senator to retire in 2002

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Texas Republican Phil Gramm said Tuesday he will leave the Senate at the end of his third term next year, following fellow conservatives Jesse Helms and Strom Thurmond into retirement and closing out a career as an unflinching advocate of lower taxes and less government.

"I have always been happy with the tax cuts I've supported," Gramm said at a news conference where he sometimes grew emotional. He quickly added, "I still believe that government is too big, too powerful and too expensive and too intrusive," and he urged a capital gains tax cut this fall.

Gramm, 59, said he has made no plans for life after politics. A former economics professor at Texas A&M, he sidestepped questions about the school's presidency, which is vacant.

Gramm is the third Republican senator to disclose plans to retire in 2002. Helms, 79, of North Carolina, announced last month that his fifth term would be his last. Thurmond, of South Carolina, is 98 and near the end of a remarkable career in politics that spans more than seven decades.

A fourth Republican, Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee, has yet to declare his intentions, raising the possibility that Republicans may have to defend four open seats next year, at a time when they are trying to regain the majority. In all, there are 21 Republican seats on the ballot in 2002, compared to 14 for the Democrats, all of whose incumbents are expected to seek new terms.

"It's really the end of an era with Thurmond and Helms and Gramm leaving," said Charles Black, a Republican political consultant close to the Texan.

Together, the three men have nearly a century of service in the Senate, and Black added, "They all played a key role in the Reagan revolution and what Reagan was able to accomplish."

At his news conference, Gramm made use of his trademark folksy rhetoric and biting partisanship. He said he had called Dicky Flatt — a Mexia, Texas, printer whom he frequently cites as an example of the voters who "do the work, pay the taxes and pull the wagon" in Texas.

As for the Democrats, he dismissed their criticism that President Bush's tax cut was eroding federal surpluses. "I mean, these are the same people that for the next three months are going to be screaming for more spending. I don't understand how politically they can possibly gain from what they're doing," he said.

He also allowed another side of his personality to show, pausing repeatedly, his eyes red-rimmed, as he reflected on the toll a quarter-century in public life had taken on his family.

Gramm said he was leaving because he had helped accomplish all that he had set out to do. He mentioned balancing the budget, cutting taxes, reforming welfare, rolling back Communism. "I am proud to be able to say today that not only did I fight for these things, not only did I play a leadership role in each and every one, but that in a very real sense, 25 years later these goals have been achieved."

Gramm said he was completely confident his successor would be a Republican, but Democrats hastened to dispute that. "The Texas Senate race, until this morning considered to be a seat safely in Republican hands, has now become a battleground state," said Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, head of the Democratic campaign committee.

Several names surfaced as potential candidates.

Among Republicans, they included Rep. Henry Bonilla and three statewide elected officials, John Cornyn, the attorney general; Tony Garza, railroad commissioner, and David Dewhurst, land commissioner. Potential Democratic contenders included Rep. Ken Bentsen; former Rep. John Bryant; Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and former state Attorney General Dan Morales.

File Photo

Volunteers help prepare meals at the Food and Care Coalition of Utah Valley. Visitors to the coalition come from all walks of life looking for a place to meet their basic necessities.

Coalition gives more than food

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Cardboard boxes, chicken coops, trailers and motels.

These are just some of the places the people who eat at the Food and Care Coalition of Utah Valley live, said Dave Latta, a regular at the soup kitchen and resource center.

Latta lives in a friend's trailer and has been eating at the Food and Care Coalition for almost two years.

"If you were here long enough, you'd see a lot of different people from a lot of different backgrounds," he said.

Latta used to work for the Air Force gathering intelligence as an electronic spy. He left because he wanted to work in a field he enjoyed.

Now almost 50, he is attending Provo College, working 20-30 hours a week and investigating the possibility of finding a job in hospitality after he graduates.

Without the Food and Care Coalition, he would have difficulty providing for his basic needs, Latta said.

"I wouldn't have any money," he said. "I'd have to be buying food all of the time, and that can get expensive."

He said because his camper does not have running water, it is sometimes difficult to find a place to take a shower, and he occasionally does his laundry at the coalition.

Latta said he also receives emotional support and encouragement at the coalition.

Without the coalition, "I probably would have gone nuts because I wouldn't have known how to handle a lot of things. It just feels nice here. It's almost like coming home," he said.

According to the Utah Food Bank, approximately 200,000 Utahns live below the poverty line and must decide each month whether to pay their monthly bills or provide food for their families.

Individual per capita income in Utah ranks the fifth lowest in the nation, while the cost of living is the 17th highest, according to the Utah Food Bank.

Dawn NiSol turned to the coalition for assistance after suffering a debilitating accident and a divorce from an abusive marriage.

"When I first came here, I was really, really depressed," she said. "I was absolutely mortified at having to eat here, but I really had no other options."

> **"What really makes a difference here isn't the money; it's people really caring about other people."**
>
> — Dawn NiSol, coalition visitor

Living out of her brother's van, she received help from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but she still had to turn to the coalition for support, she said.

She said going to the bishop's storehouse helped, but "you can only do so much with a can opener."

NiSol now lives in a trailer, but still comes to the coalition for most of her meals because there isn't any money left after she pays her trailer park fee and her utilities.

She said she has difficulty doing a full day's work because she has learning disabilities, dyslexia and has to rest frequently from a back injury, which crushed two of her vertebrae.

"Those vertebrae are half the size of the others and they just hurt all of the time, so everything takes me a real long time," NiSol said. "What other people can do in two or three hours takes me the whole day to do because I have to stop and rest."

According to NiSol, two of her other friends who eat at the Food and Care Coalition live in a chicken coop and are alcoholics, said.

"If they weren't here, they'd probably be dead and some people think, 'Oh well, that's OK — they're just bums.' But they're human beings," she said.

NiSol reads stories to the men to let them know she cares about them.

"Who knows, but things like that might be the thing that gets them to feel like they are worth the effort — their lives are worth something," she said. "We can't ever dismiss when some simple kindness might make a difference in someone's life."

Brent Crane, executive director of the Food and Care Coalition of Utah Valley, said Provo's general attitude toward the poor is influenced by the predominant membership in The Church of Jesus Christ.

Crane said he believes because many of the members of the church have high standards, they sometimes make very harsh judgments about people who do not meet that exacting standard.

Crane said tolerance and charity are a matter of perspective and people need to understand they may not be aware of extenuating circumstances many people using the coalition face.

The main role of volunteers at the coalition is to love clients unconditionally and not to judge them for past indiscretions or their current social status, he said.

Carrina Langston, who has volunteered at the Food and Care Coalition, said the clients coming to the coalition appreciate someone listening to them and sitting with them while they eat.

Crane said students at BYU should try to internalize the idea "enter to learn and go forth to serve," although it is not always easy or convenient to serve others.

"A lot of times our charity is when it's convenient and true charity isn't always convenient," Crane said.

NiSol said one volunteer can change someone's life for the better.

"What really makes a difference here isn't the money. It's people really caring about other people — that's what makes the difference," NiSol said.

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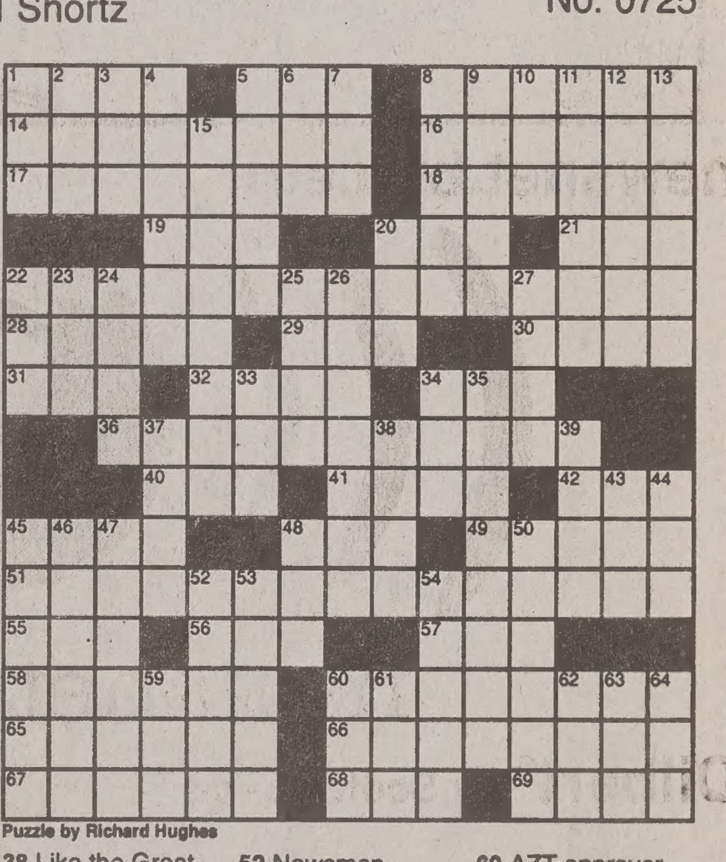

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Pentagon to develop anthrax for defense

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Defense Intelligence Agency plans to develop small amounts of a potentially more potent variant of the bacterium that causes deadly anthrax, Pentagon officials said Tuesday.

"We plan to proceed" once internal legal reviews have been completed and Congress has been fully informed, said Victoria Clarke, spokeswoman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

The existence of the project was revealed in Tuesday's New York Times, which said it was part of a broader research effort to improve U.S. defenses against biological agents.

Rumsfeld has identified biological weapons as one of the most worrisome national security threats.

Clarke said the purpose of developing a new strain of anthrax is strictly defensive: to ensure that an effective vaccine is available should a biological weapon be used against American troops.

She said it was reported publicly in 1997 that Russia may have been developing the new strain. The U.S. government asked Russia for a sample so it could test vaccines, but no samples were provided.

"We have a vaccine that works against all the known anthrax strains," she told reporters at the Pentagon. "What we want to do is make sure we are prepared for any surprises, we're prepared for anything that might happen that might be a threat. So in the early part of this year, the DIA started to look into ... how we could develop that modified anthrax strain so we could test our vaccines against it."

So far, the DIA has not produced any samples of the new strain, she said.

"The legal reviews that have been done to date indicate that the work would be compliant" with the Biological Weapons Convention, Clarke said, because it is defensive in nature and in small quantities.

She said she did not know exactly how much of the new anthrax stain the DIA planned to develop.

"With all the appropriate legal reviews, with all the appropriate interagency coordination and congressional briefing, we plan to proceed," she added.

The project is part of a broader effort, named Project Jefferson, that was required by Congress in 1997 to guard against technological surprises with regard to the biological warfare threat to U.S. forces.

Separately, the Times report said the Central Intelligence Agency built a replica of a miniature bomb, or bomblet, developed by the former Soviet Union to deliver biological agents. The CIA's purpose was to study how well the bomblet could disperse the agents under different atmospheric conditions.

The Times said the United States feared the bomblet was being sold on the international market.

CIA spokesman William Harlow said Tuesday he could not discuss specific work in this area.

"One of our missions is to learn about potential biological warfare threats to the United States," Harlow said. "Occasionally, laboratory or experimental work is required to understand the significance of intelligence gathered about potential foreign threats. Everything we've done in this respect was entirely appropriate, necessary and consistent with U.S. treaty obligations and was briefed to U.S. National Security Council staff and appropriate congressional oversight committees."

A U.S. intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the CIA has done laboratory tests of foreign munitions to determine how they work and to validate intelligence already collected.

U.S. defenses lash out at Iraq in 'no fly' zone

So. Iraqi area suffers four attacks in past two weeks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. fighter jets bombed Iraqi air defenses in separate attacks Tuesday in the southern and northern "no fly" zones, defense officials said.

The official Iraqi news agency said the strike in the south injured four people.

It was the fourth attack in southern Iraq in less than two weeks. In a brief announcement, U.S. Central Command said the strike was in response to recent Iraqi "hostile threats" against the American and British aircraft that regularly patrol the skies over southern Iraq.

The announcement gave few details beyond saying the targets were Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missile sites.

A defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the targets were near the city of As Samawah, about 130 miles southeast of Baghdad. They were attacked by U.S. Air Force F-16s and U.S. Navy F/A-18s. The Navy jets were launched from the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf.

The attack happened at about 9 a.m. EDT.

In the northern zone, U.S. officials said Air Force jets fired high-speed anti-radiation, or HARM, missiles at three Iraqi air defense radar sites north of the city of Mosul. The attack was provoked by Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery fire directed at U.S. aircraft near Mosul, U.S. officials said.

U.S. forces have been attacking Iraqi air defense targets with increased regularity in recent days, particularly in the south.

Last Thursday, four Air Force F-16 fighter jets attacked a long-range radar stationed at Basra airport in southern Iraq. U.S. officials said the radar was not active at the time of the attack but had been used in the past to coordinate Iraqi air defense targeting of U.S. and British aircraft in the area.

On Aug. 25, U.S. and British warplanes attacked a mobile radar in southern Iraq, and on Aug. 28 they hit an Iraqi aircraft command and control facility.

U.S. and British aircraft regularly patrol southern and northern Iraq to prevent Iraqi forces from attacking Kurds in the north and Shiites in the south and to provide early warning of Iraqi troop movements toward Kuwait.

Iraq considers the "no fly" zones illegal and has vowed to shoot down an American or British pilot.

Central Command, which is responsible for all U.S. mi operations in the Persian area, said there have been separate incidents of Iraqi face-to-air missile and ant craft artillery fire directed a U.S. and British aircraft December 1998.

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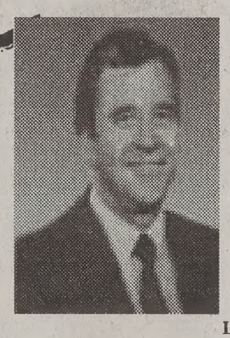

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